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BAHCC looks to partner with police, county on Narcan program

BY MARNEY SIMON
EDITOR

Over the past several years, the Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition (BAHCC) has expanded from a grassroots effort to educate the public on the dangers of abuse of drugs and alcohol to a civic organization dedicated to serving the community.

The coalition has helped to implement a texting hotline for youth in need of help, sponsored drug take back days, planted a community garden, sponsored teens with the Reed-Custer Against Drugs (RAD) program, and work on prevention strategies and programs throughout Reed and Custer Townships aimed at reducing or eliminating substance abuse, drinking, and smoking among teens.

Now, the organization is working on a new project, this time hoping to assist those who suffer with opioid substance abuse disorder.

BAHCC Program Director Pete Dell'Aquila told members of the organization about the new program, still in the planning phase, during the group's regular monthly meeting on Monday, which was held over Zoom.

"We're working with the Will County Executive's Office along with the police department to help develop a Narcan program," Dell'Aquila said.

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> BAHCC PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Dr. Kathleen Burke is the Director of Substance Use Initiatives with Will County Executive's Office. Burke oversees the county's Narcan Distribution Program.

The program distributes Narcan—a nasal spray form of the opioid overdose reversal medicine naloxone—and offers training on how to administer it.

Narcan can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose when delivered in a timely manner. The spray prevents opioids from attaching to the brain, and can work in minutes to neutralize the effects of an opioid overdose.

Dell'Aquila said the BAHCC and local law enforcement are hoping to add in an extra step that could positively impact the life of someone who has experienced an overdose.

"When police are called to an overdose, the victim, the person who has overdosed, they will be asked if they would like to receive some follow up services, and they will have an option to sign a waiver," he explained. "What that will allow is for our Will County Executive's Office recovery team to come in and meet with the

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Homecoming 2021 a thrilling show

Photos by Marney Simon

COMET PRIDE WAS PRESENT all along Main Street in Braidwood on Friday, Sept. 10, as the students of all three Reed-Custer schools took an early afternoon so they could watch and participate in the Homecoming 2021 Parade. Students from Reed-Custer Elementary School got a front row seat as an engine from the Braidwood Fire Protection District roared near the front of the parade, which rolled from the elementary school to the middle school and featured the Homecoming Court, this year's school district retirees, the RCHS and RCMS bands, and members from RCHS athletics and activities. This year's Homecoming theme was "Lights, Camera, Action!" and the varsity Comets gave the district a big win at the Friday night football game. Details on this year's Homecoming game, and what's next for the Comets, can be found in sports.

ROYALTY ON PARADE — This year's Homecoming King and Queen were Chris Hill and Kiley Tyree.

Dresden saved

In the 11th hour, legislators pass energy bill to keep nuke plants open

BY ANN GILL
EDITOR

Monday was a good day.

At about 2:20 p.m. the Illinois Senate approved an energy bill that keeps the Dresden and Byron nuclear generating stations open and stabilizes the Braidwood and LaSalle facilities for at least the next five years.

Not long after the vote was taken, Exelon reported it was preparing to refuel the two nuclear plants based on the action taken by the state legislature to enact an energy bill.

The company was set to begin shutdown procedures at Byron on Monday and Dresden in mid-November.

"For over two years, we have spent countless hours fighting to preserve our state's entire nuclear fleet. On the day that the Byron Generating Station was scheduled for decommissioning, we finally passed a bill that makes that a reality," said State Senator Sue Rezin.

The legislation was approved in the Senate by a vote of 37-17 (36 votes were needed for passage) with Rezin and Senator John Curran, of Downers Grove, being the only Republicans to support the bill's passage.

Republican Senator Brian Stewart, who represents the 45th District that includes the city of Byron and the generating station voted against the energy bill, saying he believes the legislation as presented will raise electric rates and eventually work against nuclear power. He did note that had a measure just related to preserving the nuclear plants been presented, it would have gotten his vote.

"While I don't agree with everything that is included in Senate Bill 2408, it does keep our nuclear plants online, saves thousands of Illinois jobs, and puts our state on a realistic path to 100% clean, carbon-free energy," Rezin said.

The House approved the bill on Sept. 9 with eight Republicans including Rep. David Welter and Rep. Jackie Haas in support.

"We achieved our shared goal of protecting local jobs,

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Never Forget

Photo by Marney Simon

REMEMBERING THE FALLEN — The Custer Fire Protection District held a flag raising ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 11, to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the attacks, and to honor the lives lost at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and at the United Flight 93 crash site in Shanksville, Penn. on Sept. 11, 2001. Trustees, officers, and firefighter/EMTs met with the public for coffee and donuts at the fire house on Route 113, and to talk about how things have changed in the past 20 years. Visitors also got a chance to walk through the station an learn about the department. The flag raising ceremony was held at 10 a.m., as local resident Mike Tupper sang the National Anthem.

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Senior Bingo returns to Reed Township Hall

The Braidwood Senior Citizens group is once again meeting at the Reed Township Hall for lunch and a friendly game of Bingo on the fourth Monday of the month at 10 a.m.

Call Joan at 708-269-4730 to reserve a spot and join the fun.

Sheriff's sale of 35025 Cemetery Rd.

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SS.
COUNTY OF WILL)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

The Bank of New York Mellon, F/K/A The Bank of New York as trustee for registered Holders of CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-13, Plaintiff,
vs.
Lowell E. Lide; et. al. Defendant.
No. 19 CH 1926

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment entered in the above cause on the 28th day of April, 2021, MIKE KELLEY, Sheriff of Will County, Illinois, will on Thursday, the 7th day of October, 2021 , commencing at 12:00 o'clock noon, at the Will County Courthouse Annex, 57 N. Ottawa Street, Room 201, Joliet, IL 60432, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder or bidders the following-described real estate:
THE SOUTH 180 FEET OF THE NORTH 360 FEET OF THE WEST 605 FEET OF LOT 57 IN THE SCHOOL TRUSTEE'S SUBDIVISION OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 9, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 35025 Cemetery Rd, Braidwood, IL 60408
Description of Improvements: Residential
P.I.N.: 02-24-16-300-033-0000

Terms of Sale: ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours. No judicial sale fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. All payments shall be made in cash or certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Will County.

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Pursuant to Local Court Rule 11.03 (J) if there is a surplus following application of the proceeds of sale, then the plaintiff shall send written notice pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512(d) to all parties to the proceeding advising them of the amount of the surplus and that the surplus will be held until a party obtains a court order for its distribution or, in the absence of an order, until the surplus is forfeited to the State.

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Sheriff's sale of 712 W. Eureka St.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PHH Mortgage Corporation
Plaintiff,
vs.
Lynne Lessman; et. al.
Defendant. No. 21 CH 0133

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LOT A IN FLAMM SUBDIVISION OF PART OF LOT 16 IN BLOCK 14 IN EUREKA COAL COMPANY'S ADDITION TO BRAIDWOOD, OF PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AUGUST 1, 1994 AS DOCUMENT NO. R94-74748, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS BENEATH THE SURFACE TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE THE SAME, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 712 W. Eureka Street, Braidwood, IL 60408
Description of Improvements: Single Family Home
P.I.N.: 02-24-07-405-031-0000

Terms of Sale: ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours. No judicial sale fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. All payments shall be made in cash or certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Will County.

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Sheriff's sale of 916 N. English Street

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
SS.
COUNTY OF WILL)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-BNC3, Plaintiff,
vs.
Roy E. Mack; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc, as Mortgagee as Nominee for Lehman Brothers, FSB, its Successors and Assigns; Townes of Braidwood Homeowner's Association, Defendant.
No. 20 CH 0687

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment entered in the above cause on the 21st day of December, 2020, MIKE KELLEY, Sheriff of Will County, Illinois, will on Thursday, the 30th day of September, 2021 , commencing at 12:00 o'clock noon, at the Will County Courthouse Annex, 57 N. Ottawa Street, Room 201, Joliet, IL 60432, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder or bidders the following-described real estate:
THE SOUTH 60.50 FEET OF THE NORTH 119.00 FEET OF LOT 17 IN THE TOWNES OF BRAIDWOOD PHASE 1, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 AND PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JULY 15, 2005 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER R2005-119361, IN THE CITY OF BRAIDWOOD, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Commonly known as: 916 N. English Street, Braidwood, IL 60408
Description of Improvements: single family
P.I.N.: 02-24-06-301-009-0000

Terms of Sale: ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours. No judicial sale fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. All payments shall be made in cash or certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Will County.

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BAHCC

individual and their family and provide them with additional Narcan, and also resources or access to treatment that they might not have had. So, we're really exited about that program."

Dell'Aquila said the BAHCC is excited to partner with the Braidwood Police Department on the effort.

"Our Chief [Todd Lyons] does a really good job of following up with the victims of overdoses already, but this will really connect them to professionals who can share their experiences and also experts to get them the help that they need when they need it," he said.

Dell'Aquila added that the additional intervention is critical in the first few days after an overdose.

"A lot of times right after an overdose, it's not unlikely for them to overdose again, even the same week," he said. "So, it's really imperative that we meet the people where they're at, and that we're able to provide a resource to them as soon as possible to prevent future overdoses from happening."

Dell'Aquila said the planning is just in the beginning stages, but the coalition is excited to get the program off the ground.

The Will County Narcan distribution and training program is available for first responders, social services workers, members of the justice system, and interested community members or organizations. The program is also available for those who suffer with substance abuse disorder and their families.

In 2019, the program reported that 67 lives had been saved by Narcan in Will County.

As of Sept. 14, Will County had reported 62 deaths related to heroin and fentanyl in 2021, including a 42 year old man in Wilmington, and a 64 year old man in Wilmington.

In 2020, there were two heroin/fentanyl deaths in Braidwood.

The American Medical Association issued a report on Aug. 4 that the COVID-19 pandemic has worsened the nation's drug overdose epidemic.

According to the AMA, every state in the nation has reported an increase in overdose deaths which is driven by fentanyl-laced opioids. The increase is attributed to a reduction in access to care, support groups, and heightened anxiety due to COVID-19 mitigations.

Dell'Aquila also said Dr. Burke will be coming soon to Braidwood to conduct Narcan and addiction programming for first responders.

The BAHCC operates in part with funding from a federal grant, and the city of Braidwood is the fiscal agent for that grant.

Information on the BAHCC and its programs can be found online at braidwoodcoalition.org, and on Facebook at @braidwoodhealthycommunitycoalition.

Energy

keeping our nuclear fleet online, and cementing Illinois' status as a leading energy-producing state now and into the future," Welter said following the House vote last week.

The comprehensive bill focuses on myriad of topics from wind and solar generation, transmission lines and getting the state to 100% clean energy, but for local residents the key measure in the bill was the $694 million in subsidies it provides to keep the nuclear plants operating.

"This is a hard-fought victory for all the hardworking men and women of Dresden who never lost hope and advocated so strongly and effectively for our nuclear plants and the vital jobs and tax base they support. I was proud to stand with them from day one," Welter said.

Exelon reports its nuclear plants put out more than 60% of Illinois' electricity consumption and approximately 90% of its clean energy comes from its six nuclear stations.

It was 12 months and two weeks ago when Exelon announced that despite being among the most efficient and reliable units in the fleet, the company planned to retire the generating stations as they faced revenue shortfalls in the hundreds of millions of dollars because of declining energy prices and market rules that allow fossil fuel plants to underbid clean resources in the PJM capacity auction. PJM is the operator of the electric grid. Dresden failed to clear the capacity auction back in 2018, and Byron sold just a small portion of its power at that time.

Since announcing its intent to shut the two generating stations down, and the potential for the closures of the Braidwood and LaSalle stations, proponents of nuclear stepped up to rally for the plants to be saved, as did those who would be most impacted by a shut down.

From a coalition within the labor community known as Climate Jobs Illinois to Friends of Dresden Nuclear Station, as well as the Fair Assessment Information Resource Committee (FAIRCOM) and the Save Dresden group, a lot of work was done to get a bill across the finish line.

Coal City Unit 1 Superintendent Dr. Kent Bugg said many legislators have mentioned the impact of witness slips, phone calls and personal stories shared with them about the impact of the nuclear stations.

When called upon, local officials say the community stepped up and did their part to get the message across in Springfield that nuclear is an important component to the future, not only of their communities but the state as whole.

The four plants—Dresden, Byron, Braidwood and LaSalle—support some 28,000 direct and indirect jobs and contribute more than $38 million to the state's gross domestic product.

Dresden Station pays $24 million annually in property taxes to seven taxing bodies—Unit 1 School District, Coal City Fire and Library districts, Grundy County, Goose Lake Township and Township Road District and Joliet Junior College. The school district's share of that is equal to half of its annual budget.

The loss of Braidwood Station would have impacted the Reed-Custer School District, Braidwood Fire Protection District, Fossil Ridge Library, Godley Park and Godley Water District.

"Reed-Custer CUSD 255 is thrilled by the passing of the omnibus energy bill, SB2408. We praise the Illinois legislators who helped pass this historic legislation. Special thanks must be given to our local legislators, Senator Sue Rezin and Representative David Welter, both of whom worked tirelessly over the past two years to preserve the Illinois nuclear fleet," Reed-Custer Superintendent Mark Mitchell said in a statement to the Free Press Newspapers.

Mitchell added that protecting the plant is vital for the future of education at Reed-Custer.

"This is a time for celebration in our school district," he said. "This bill is the most pro-climate, pro-worker piece of legislation in the country, and locally, this bill provides support to this community's most valuable tax resource, Braidwood Station. We greatly appreciate our partnership with Exelon and look forward to the financial stability provided by this legislation. We anticipate a very bright future ahead for our students, one that is full of continued improvements and advancements in both academic and extra-curricular programs."

Superintendent Bugg also played a significant role in the passage of the bill. As president of FAIRCOM, Bugg represented the interest not only of his own district, but that of 32 districts across the state of Illinois.

With legislation passed through both chambers, the bill just needs the signature of the Governor JB Pritzker, who has stated he will sign the measure and that could come as soon as today, Wednesday, Sept. 15.

"We commend the Governor, the General Assembly, our partners at IBEW Local 15 and the coalition of labor leaders and members who worked so hard to pass this road map for rebuilding our economy and addressing the climate crisis by investing in clean energy in a way that ensures that jobs and environmental benefits are shared equitably," said Christopher Crane, president and CEO of Exelon.

Custer Fire plans Family Day Sept. 18

The Custer Fire Protection District will host a Family Day at the station at 21750 Highway 113 in Custer Park on Saturday, Sept. 18.

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Custer firefighters, paramedics and EMTs will meet with the general public following the dedition of the mural on the west wall, painted by the Reed-Custer High School art class.

There will be activities for kids throughout the day including tours of "Tankzilla", the district's tanker truck, automobile extrication demo (1 p.m.), a drone and search & rescue dog demo by the Wilmington ESDA, stops inside a Riverside Ambulance, Superior Ambulance Medevac helicopter, Limestone F.P.D airboat and other agencies offering giveaways.

Child passenger safety seat inspections will be offered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Famlies can sign-up for smoke detectors for their home. The Wilmington Lions Club food trailer will be selling cheeseburgers, hot dogs and beverages. There will be raffle baskets, 50/50 split the pot, a silent auction (drawings start at 3:30 p.m.)

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This fall's incoming undergraduate class at the University of Iowa, a group that includes Madeline Bollino, of Braidwood, has yet again topped previous records in achievement with a higher average high school grade-point average (GPA), at 3.81, than any previous class. The average high school GPA for the classes of 2024 and 2023 were 3.78 and 3.76, respectively.

Bollino is majoring in Political Science in Iowa's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

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Another place, another name, the end of Le Caron

TIME WAS....

Sandy Vasko

This is our final look at Henri Le Caron, Braidwood doctor, pharmacist, and British spy. Last time we met, we told of Robert Huston's suspicions about the good doctor.

In 1883, the Irish rebels in Ireland had enough of talk, they determined it was time for action. The action they decided upon was to blow up London Bridge. One of the men in the plot had worked with Le Caron in Detroit while a medical student. Unfortunately for him, he knew more about medicine than dynamite and the plot failed when the dynamite went off prematurely taking the Irish terrorists with it.

The news of that plot was the talk of American papers, particularly in Braidwood, where Irish feelings ran high. When the connection was made between Le Caron and the terrorists the rumors once more flew. Because of that and Postmaster Huston's discovery of the money sent to the doctor from England, things became too hot.

In spring of 1888 Le Caron packed up his growing family and moved to Chicago where he began another pharmacy at 378 Blue Island Avenue.

While there he continued his spy activity by infiltrating the Chicago Irish groups, which included his downstairs neighbor Dr. Cronin. He also tried, unsuccessfully, to infiltrate the Chicago Democratic Party. He was unsuccessful in part because those vicious Braidwood rumors had followed him there.

His move to Chicago also seemed suspicious, why would he leave a fine medical practice and popular pharmacy? In an attempt to quell those rumors Le Caron returned to Braidwood to reopen his old pharmacy. But as they say, the jig was up. He was not met with open arms.

The attitude most Braidwoodites took was "fool me once, shame on you, fool me twice and you may get shot." After a few months Le Caron left Braidwood for the last time and went back to Chicago.

At the same time a special commission in London, called the Parnell Commission, had started to investigate the Irish movement. Le Caron decided it was time to reveal himself to the world. He left the U.S. behind, and moved to London specifically to testify at the Commission.

DRAWINGS OF Henri Le Caron done at the time he was testifying before the Parnell Commission.

Henri presented himself before the Commission dressed in latest style and wearing the Medal of Honor he received while fighting in the Civil War on the Union side. His testimony about the Irish movement in the United States, the conspiracies he uncovered, and Charles Parnell's part in it caused a huge sensation.

Will County newspapers ran front page articles about him, calling him everything from shyster to the devil incarnate. In Braidwood the mood ran from being embarrassed that everyone had been so completely taken in by him, to extreme anger that he had ratted on his friends and neighbors.

In Chicago the feelings also ran high. When his former neighbor Dr. Cronin was brutally murdered and his body dumped in a northside sewer, everyone thought that Le Caron had ordered the hit. While that is probably not true, there was no doubt as to what would happen to Le Caron if he ever showed his face again.

In England the feelings were the same. After testifying Le Caron once more changed his name to Howard, and volunteered to work for the British Secret Service. After that time, he was never without his Scotland Yard body guard.

Whether all of this was the cause or not, Le Caron's health started to fail. It was at this time that the rumors of his being a "body snatcher" came out, especially in the Detroit area. It was rumored that he had been arrested in Detroit and held for that crime. The rumors, which included his work during the Diamond mine disaster, were totally false.

In 1892, in an attempt to make some money, Le Caron published his memoirs entitled "Twenty Five Years in the Secret Service." It proved to be a best seller, and is still available today at some on-line book sellers.

On April 1, 1894 Thomas Miller Beach, a.k.a. Henri Le Caron, a.k.a. Dr. Howard died. He was buried in Kensington and his obituary was run in every major newspaper across America.

All the Joliet Signal had to say was that he had given a bad name to Will County and though his skills as a doctor could not be questioned, it was good riddance to bad rubbish.

Coffee & Newspapers
One wakes you up
One opens your eyes

Hometown Storage to dispose of property

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Lien

Hometown Storage, 2920 E. Division St., Diamond, IL 60416, 815-634-3333 hereby is asserting a Possessory Lien in pursuant to your contract and the State of Illinois Self-Service Facility Act.

Tenant: Thomas Shaver Jr., 115 S. Division St., Braidwood, IL., Unit G-8.

If unpaid rental charges, late fees and associated charges are not paid for in full by Sept. 30, 2021, the property will be sold to satisfy the lien.

Published in the Braidwood Journal on Sept. 15 and 22, 2021.

D & N Lawncare and Landscaping files as new business

PUBLIC NOTICE

Assumed Name
Publication Notice

Certificate 34241 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of Will County on August 27, 2021 wherein the business firm of D & N Lawncare and Landscaping, located at 147 S. Maple St., Braidwood, IL 60408 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address, is as follows:

Owner Name: Nathan Michael Cornelio

Owner Address: 147 S. Maple St., Braidwood, IL 60408

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at this 27th day of August, 2021.

Lauren Staley Ferry
Will County Clerk

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Magic Matt's Family Fun show coming to Braidwood city park

Magic Matt's Family Fun Show will be coming to the Braidwood city park on Sunday, Sept. 19 during the Braidwood Lions Club's Family Sunday FunDay.

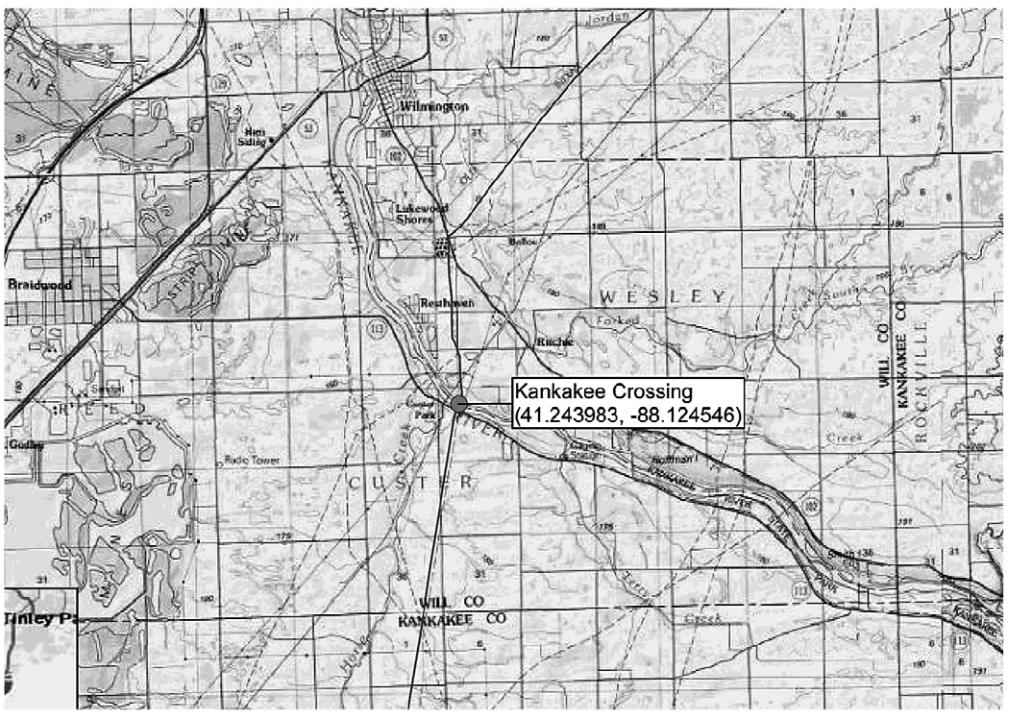
Magician and balloon artist Matthew Scherer will be performing his famous family fun show starting at 2 p.m. underneath the Lions Pavilion. There is no admission fee and all are welcome to attend.

Scherer has entertained audiences in the Chicago area and Midwest for over 30 years with performances being featured at the Brookfield Zoo's Holiday Magic Festival, the Illinois State Fair and other special events throughout the region.

The show will feature lots of audience participation in magically illustrated stories and routines combined with close-up magic and balloon artistry. There will also be family games taking place in the park before and after the show along with a Junk-In-The-Trunk & Farmers Market which runs from noon to 6 p.m.

Food trucks, along with a cookout fundraiser for the Braidwood Knights of Columbus Council #1574, will also be available during the event. For more information visit www.braidwoodlions club.org."

Public Notice



Pursuant to Title 17, Chapter 1, Section 1080 of the Illinois Administrative Code, notice is hereby given that ExxonMobil Pipeline Company (EMPCo), 22777 Springwoods Village Parkway, Spring, Texas 77389, has submitted a Conservation Plan to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to apply for authorization for the taking of four state-listed threatened freshwater mussel species, incidental to the S-232 Mustang Lockport to Patoka Pipeline Armoring Project. The four species include:

- Monkeyface (*Quadrula metanevra*)
- Purple Wartyback (*Cyclonaias tuberculata*)
- Spike (*Elliptio dilatata*)
- Sheepnose (Plethobasus cyphyus)

The S-232 Mustang Lockport to Patoka Pipeline is an 18-inch crude oil pipeline that crosses the Kankakee River in Custer Park, Will County, Illinois (see attached map). Project site coordinates are 41.243983, -88.124546. Access for the north bank of the project will occur at the entrance to Rivals Lookout Park, where construction equipment will then access the existing pipeline ROW. Staging and access for the south bank of the project site will occur at the intersection of the pipeline ROW and Illinois Highway 113 (IL-113) and will utilize the existing cleared ROW.

During a routine assessment of the pipeline crossing, EMPCo identified streambed scour conditions that have reduced the depth of cover over the existing pipeline. To protect against future scour, EMPCo has elected to install 175 cubic yards of grout-filled articulated mat armoring along two segments of the pipeline that exhibit inadequate depth of cover. The two proposed armoring segments comprise approximately 262 linear feet of the overall 500-foot OHWM width and the articulated matting will be placed across 34 feet of the existing 50-foot pipeline ROW in these locations. The anticipated length of time for completion of the pipeline armoring is approximately four weeks and is anticipated to begin in the fourth quarter (early fall) of 2021.

Take of monkeyface, purple wartyback, and spike mussels may result during the project as a result of this work. Each species is protected under the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act (520 ILCS 10) and is known to occur within the vicinity of the project. To minimize and mitigate for the take of these mussels, the existing mussels will be removed from the project area and relocated to an approved relocation site within the river. A copy of the project Conservation Plan is available for inspection by the public at

Fossil Ridge Public Library in Braidwood, Illinois.

The Conservation Plan is also available on the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Incidental Take Authorization website, accessed at

http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/NaturalHeritage/Pages/Incidental-Take-Authorizations.aspx

Comments pertaining to the conservation plan should be sent to:

Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Resource Conservation, Incidental Take Authorization Coordinator, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702

OR may be emailed to DNR.ITACoordinator@illinois.gov.

Comments will be accepted through October 15th. This date is 30 days after the final day that the public notice appears in the local newspaper.

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Fossil Ridge Public Library District passes budget and appropriations ordinance

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE 2021-01
BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING SUCH SUMS OF MONEY AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY TO DEFRAY ALL NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FOSSIL RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, WILL, GRUNDY AND KANKAKEE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022, AND SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH APPROPRIATIONS ARE MADE AND THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR EACH OBJECT OR PURPOSE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE FOSSIL RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT:

Section 1: The following is the Annual Budget for the Fossil Ridge Public Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

EXPENDITURES

ADMINISTRATION	
Administration	$1,700.00
Administrative Contingency	500.00
Audit	3,500.00
Insurance and Bonds	25,000.00
Legal Services	5,000.00
Office Supplies	3,727.39
Postage	3,000.00
Professional Organization Expense	5,000.00
Taxes on House	0.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	$ 47,427.39
BOOKMOBILE SERVICES	
Bookmobile Operating	$ 35,000.00
Bookmobile Program Supplies	250.00
TOTAL BOOKMOBILE	$35,250.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	
Debt Retirement*	97,475.00
Special Reserve Fund	90,000.00
Furniture & Equipment	2,500.00
Parking Lot Improvements	250.00
Technology	15,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	$205,225.00
LIBRARY SERVICES	
A-V Software Purchase-Adult	$4,000.00
A-V Software Purchase-Teen	1,500.00
A-V Software Purchase-Children	2,000.00
Book Purchase Adult	16,000.00
Book Purchase Children	10,000.00
Book Purchase Teen	4,000.00
Book Purchase Homeschool	2,000.00
Book Purchase for FBB	1,500.00
eReading Materials	8,000.00
Copy Machine Maintenance & Repair	4,000.00
Internet	2,500.00
Library Contingency	1,000.00
Library Supplies	5,000.00
PrairieCat Automated System Expense	15,000.00
Periodicals	5,000.00
Publicity and Publicity Supplies	15,000.00
Public Information	1,500.00
Data Bases	17,000.00
Adult Programming	10,000.00
Adult Programming – Patron Paid	1,000.00
Teen Programming	10,000.00
Teen Programming – Patron Paid	1,000.00
Children's Programming	10,000.00
Children's Programming – Patron Paid	1,000.00
Homeschool Programs	2,500.00
Homeschool Programs – Patron Paid	1,000.00
Book Replacements	750.00
TOTAL LIBRARY SERVICES	$152,250.00
MAINTENANCE	
Grass Cutting/Yard Maintenance	$8,000.00
HVAC Main Contract	6,000.00
Maintenance Equipment Purchase	4,000.00
Maintenance Supplies	4,500.00
Repairs	6,000.00
Snow Removal	2,500.00
TOTAL MAINTENANCE	$31,000.00
PERSONNEL	
Employee Health Insurance	$73,000.00
Trustee Training	1,000.00
Employee Training & Education	2,000.00
Employee Travel	4,000.00
Employer Share FICA & Medicare	32,000.00
Employer Share IMRF	47,000.00
Salaries	415,000.00
Unemployment Insurance	1,500.00
Payroll Expense	1,500.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL	$577,000.00
UTILITIES	
Electricity	18,500.00
Garbage Removal	2,000.00
Natural Gas	750.00
Security Services	4,000.00
Telephone	5,000.00
Water & Sewer	1,500.00
TOTAL UTILITIES	$31,750.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	$1,078,902.39

Section 2: As part of the Annual Budget, it is stated:

(a) That the cash on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year is $560,675 consisting of the general fund: $30,522 receipts from the 2020 levy received early, June 2021: $377,160 and the special reserve fund: $90,000 a restricted fund;

(b) That the estimated cash expected to be received during the fiscal year from all sources is $1,078,903;

(c) That the estimated expenditures for the fiscal year are $1,078,903;

(d) That the estimated cash expected to be on hand at the end of the fiscal year is $560,675;

(e) That the estimated amount of taxes to be received by THE FOSSIL RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT pursuant to the tax levy filed October, 2020 is $955,699;

(f) That the estimated amount of income and revenue to be received from sources other than library taxes for the fiscal year is $71,779.

Section 3: That the following sum of money in the total amount of $1,457,500.00 or so much thereof as may be authorized by law, be and the same are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of THE FOSSIL RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, as hereinafter specified for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

EXPENDITURES	
ADMINISTRATION	
Administration	$3,000.00
Administrative Contingency	1,000.00
Audit	5,000.00
Insurance and Bonds	35,000.00
Legal Services	20,000.00
Office Supplies	6,000.00
Postage	6,000.00
Professional Organization Expense	10,000.00
Taxes on House	2,000.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	$88,000.00
BOOKMOBILE SERVICES	
Bookmobile Operating	$50,000.00
Bookmobile Program Supplies	2,000.00
TOTAL BOOKMOBILE	$52,000.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	
Furniture & Equipment	10,000.00
Parking Lot Improvements	15,000.00
Debt Retirement?	100,000.00
Special Reserve	125,000.00
Technology	25,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	$275,000.00
LIBRARY SERVICES	
A-V Software Purchase-Adult	$10,000.00
A-V Software Purchase-Teen	3,000.00
A-V Software Purchase-Children	5,000.00
Book Purchase Adult	30,000.00
Book Purchase Children	20,000.00
Book Purchase Teen	8,000.00
Book Purchase Homeschool	5,000.00
Book Purchase for FBB	3,000.00
eReading Materials	16,000.00
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Library Contingency	2,000.00
Library Supplies	10,000.00
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Periodicals	10,000.00
Publicity and Publicity Supplies	20,000.00
Public Information	3,000.00
Data Bases	25,000.00
Adult Programming	16,000.00
Adult Programming – Patron Paid	2,000.00
Teen Programming	16,000.00
Teen Programming – Patron Paid	2,000.00
Children's Programming	16,000.00
Children's Programming – Patron Paid	2,000.00
Homeschool Programs	5,000.00
Homeschool Programs – Patron Paid	2,000.00
Book Replacements	2,000.00
TOTAL LIBRARY SERVICES	$264,000.00
MAINTENANCE	
Grass Cutting/Yard Maintenance	$16,000.00
HVAC Main Contract	10,000.00
Maintenance Equipment Purchase	10,000.00
Maintenance Supplies	10,000.00
Repairs	12,000.00
Snow Removal	7,000.00
TOTAL MAINTENANCE	$65,000.00
PERSONNEL	
Employee Health Insurance	$100,000.00
Trustee Training	4,000.00
Employee Training & Education	5,000.00
Employee Travel	8,000.00
Employer Share FICA & Medicare	45,000.00
Employer Share IMRF	60,000.00
Salaries	435,000.00
Unemployment Insurance	5,000.00
Payroll Expense	2,000.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL	$664,000.00
UTILITIES	
Electricity	$25,000.00
Garbage Removal	3,000.00
Natural Gas	1,500.00
Security Services	10,000.00
Telephone	8,000.00
Water & Sewer	2,000.00
TOTAL UTILITIES	$49,500.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS	**$1,457,500.00**

Section 4: Transfers from one appropriation of any amount specified for any object and purpose, not affecting the total amount appropriated, may be made at any meeting of the Board by ordinance enacted by a 2/3 vote of all Trustees. By a like vote the Board may by ordinance make appropriations in excess of those authorized by the budget in order to meet an immediate unforeseen emergency.

Section 5: The Board has a Special Reserve Fund and the unexpended balances from the proceeds received from library taxes may be accumulated in the Special Reserve Fund.

Section 6: . . This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED this 30th day of August, 2021 pursuant to roll call vote as follows:

AYES: _5_____
NAYS: _0_____
ABSENT: _2_____

Sandra Bauter,
Board President
Fossil Ridge Public Library District

ATTEST:
LuAnn Bolatto,
Secretary, Fossil Ridge Public Library District

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Time to stand together

SHADOW LAKES—Comment to Comment…People wake up! This is no longer Trump vs. Biden, Republican vs. Democrat, left vs. right, mask vs. unmask, vaccinated vs. unvaccinated. This is us fighting amongst each other and allowing our government to cause division. It is about the American people watching as our nation is destroyed. This is about our soldiers getting killed! This is our leaders not standing behind our soldiers. This is our leaders being cowards and taking orders from the Taliban. This is heartbreaking. We need to stand together. Stand firm, and fight for our nation. America is stronger together. Always, Margot Lane

About the absurd

WILMINGTON—The position of anti-choice yet pro-death describes the absurdity of Texas' Governor Abbot especially considering his anti-mask mandates. Abbott also opposes common sense by allowing anybody and everybody in Texas to purchase a gun without proper training in the use of a deadly weapon. Health care in Texas is nearly the worst in the nation and Texas' horrible energy system forced many people to burn their furniture in order to stay warm during the winter of 2020. Recently Abbott signed unconstitutional legislation which not only makes it more difficult for people to vote, which is un-American, but also unleashes vigilantes against women who get an abortion as well as against those who help the women in any way regardless of rape and incest. Abbott will find that the courts will be messing with Texas in short order. Irene D.

The bribery bailout

MORRIS—This is plain out bribery. So ComEd wants $800 million to keep Byron and Dresden open. This is bribery. Our electric rates will go up, for property tax owners about $3.50 to $4.00 a month. Why don't the taxpayers in Illinois get a property tax break? We cannot get a property tax break but we can go give all these big companies money and tax incentives to stay in the state. The property tax owners in Illinois should stop paying their property taxes. Maybe then these school board members would stop giving out these big pay raises and raising property taxes. I don't care if the nuclear plants shut down, let them shut down. Like I said before this is plain bribery. Do not vote for the bailout for Dresden and Byron.

The violent Left

MORRIS—My name is Jack L. I'm watching Fox news where a leftist mob attacks Larry Elder who is a Conservative news host possibly running for governor. Yes he was somewhat rebel but BLM and the leftist rebels have attacked more people in this country than QAnon ever did. Why is it leftist are so violent when rightist are not. Can anybody out there answer me? I would love to hear your answer, because the only answer you can give is you want socialism in this country. Thank you.

Let's ride

WILMINGTON—Is anybody going to the capitol on the 18th? I might need a ride.

They're irrelevant

WILMINGTON—A frequent caller referenced the Ten Commandments and I'd like to remind the readers unless you are a Jew or a Christian the Commandments are irrelevant. Or to quote a famous pirate movie "they are more like guidelines." Glad I could clear that up, Benny Lane.

Please explain

WILMINGTON—Hi, Penny Lane here and I'd like to address the caller who said I had indirectly insulted them. Please call back and explain what I said that set you off. Thanks for your compliment on my use of words. I take pride in my vocabulary and writing and I got straight A's in my college English class. It's nice to be noticed. As far as the rest of your sound-off regarding voting and not voting, I got lost in the rambling incoherent gibberish. So maybe you could explain that too. Again, Penny Lane, Wilmington.

The dam meeting

WILMINGTON—Calling about the recent meeting at city hall regarding the removal or keeping of the dam. It's clear to see that our newly elected mayor is not the captain of the ship when IDNR personnel had to get control of the meeting with people speaking out of turn. I would think that would be the charge of the mayor and not a guest speaker. Thank you.

Segregate our kids

WILMINGTON—To ease parent concerns, I suggest we bring segregation back into the schools. Masked kids will learn together in one section of the school. Unmasked kids will learn together in another part of the school. At no time will these two groups interact with each other. Happy now??

Ungrateful couch warriors

MORRIS—There was an article in the sound-off column on Sept. 1, 2021 about someone that wanted to know if Dan Hill was drafted or enlisted in the US army. And no matter what the answer, there would be something nasty said. So did the caller that wanted the answer ever serve in any branch of the military? It does not matter if he was drafted or enlisted he served in a war zone to protect your freedom and what have you couch potato warriors ever done except to degrade the military and the veterans ever since the Vietnam war. Now claiming that the goal of the military was to kill people in their own country, which means that you are saying the veterans and all military personnel are hired guns to kill people in the USA for money. You cancel culture people are a disgrace to humanity and you have about as many brains as an empty tea bag. You are an insult to this nation with all the bigotry and lack of common sense and you seem to some very ungrateful people about your life in America. So why do you move to Afghanistan and see how much freedom you will have under the Taliban rule.

His son's rosary

WILMINGTON—President Joe Biden wears his dead son Beau's rosary around his wrist next to his watch. Right wing parrots claim he was checking his watch at the Dover Airbase when he was actually praying for the dead Marines. And remember Trump called dead soldiers suckers and losers.

Ignoring the shame

WILMINGTON—The problem with Republicans is there is no shaming them.

Pushing their ideas

COAL CITY—The cancel culture people have tried to push some of the most idiotic ideas on people that have common-sense and the ability to see that the cancel culture people appeared to have the mind of a floating cloud that has no substance to hold a common-sense thought while whatever blows in the wind drifts right through their brains and we could classify them as air heads. Without the ability to realize the truth but instead they accept the propaganda of the communistic agenda instead of being an independent thinking human being that is capable of being able to enjoy freedom instead of having our government employees dictating how another human being should live their life. They continue to destroy the sovereignty of the USA with no objections by the airheads.

Mar-A-Lago North

WILMINGTON—Are Democrats and liberals allowed to live in Mar-A-Lago North, I mean the gated community of Shadow Lakes?

Singling out golf cats

WILMINGTON—I read in the Free Press this past week that the topic of golf carts made the paper again. So I ask this question again. Are motorized bicycles and motorized skateboards allowed to cross 53 legally? For that matter, how is riding a regular bicycle or walking across 53 safer? I would like clarification on this topic as it seems golf carts and ATVs are being singled out. The Free Press article made reference that the only legal intersection is at Kahler Road and 102. I disagree. There is one more legal intersection but I'm sure the city would argue this. I contend there is another legal intersection at 53 and Water Street lights. By looking at a street sign traveling north on 102, 102 ends at the intersection of Jefferson Street. So a golf cart could legally cross 53 traveling south and take a left hand turn into the Free Press alley, the Grundy Bank parking lot, or at Jefferson Street and be legal. Most everyone assumes 102 ends at 53 but, again, that's not what the sign says. Is this picky? Of course it is but there are more serious issues in town than a golf cart crossing 53. Personally, I would love the state to put in a 4-way stop sign somewhere near the Launching Pad or anywhere before the 4-way stoplights if nothing more than to slow traffic down a bit. I think the Wilmington police have done a fantastic job not ticketing every violator with a golf cart and I thank them for their understanding.

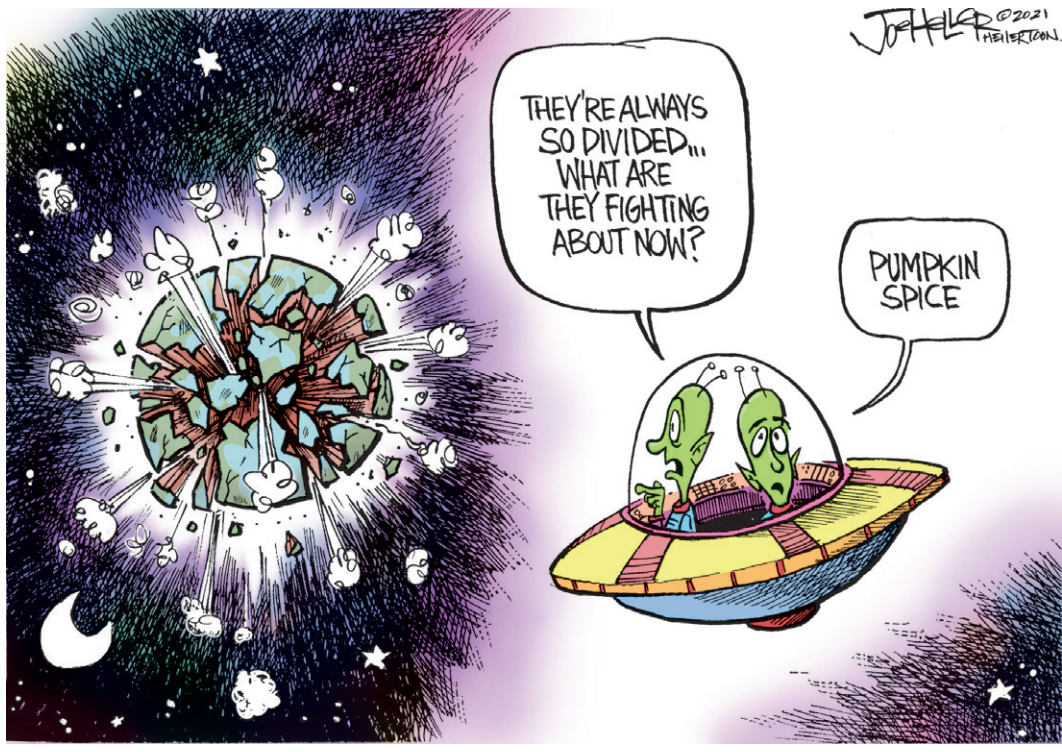
Signs, signs, signs

WILMINGTON—Please take down those old political signs and enforce the current sign ordinances. Just like the house with grass a foot high, nobody wants it in their neighborhood. Place your signs up a few months then down after an election. Most of us are sick of politics. Let's not see anymore signs until April Fools.

Garage sale lady

Love the dam

WILMINGTON—We are the Island city. If it wasn't for the lay of the land, Wilmington would not exist as we know it today. This is the treasure our great-great grandfathers and great-great-grandmothers shared with the public for over 150 years. It is so sad to think that a handful of people can wipe out our proud town's rich history with a stroke of a pen or a yes vote. Why keep our dam? Our town makes thousands of dollars off visitors. Has anyone conducted a study on Yorkville's revenues years prior to dam removal and after? They were a big fishing town, but not no more. Then Asian carp will easily assess our upper Kankakee River with abundant numbers. Over the last 10 years several Asian carp have been caught by Custer Park even with the dam intact. Where are the Ducks Unlimited to protect our hunting grounds. The dam has been a wildlife viewing area and a great food source for many generations. Let's not change that. DNR will not remove the dam with citizen opposing the removal. Persist.



Take your pick

COAL CITY—We are ordered to obey speed limits on highways. We are ordered to carry vehicle insurance. We are ordered to smoke outdoors in public. We are ordered to prevent our sewage from running onto our neighbor's property. Thank heavens for these laws which protect us. The same way vaccines have been protecting us since George Washington ordered smallpox vaccinations for his troops during the Revolutionary War. If not for vaccines, we might still be under British rule and there would be no USA. The point is, get vaccinated and slap a mask over your face. Or would you prefer 20 years of quarantine that typhoid Mary was forced to endure a hundred years ago because she refused to wash her hands after using the toilet? Take your pick. Mark

Barefoot and pregnant

BRAIDWOOD—When Texas Governor Abbot was asked why he denies abortions to rape victims, he dodged the question with some real jaw-droppers. He said rape is illegal in Texas and will be stamped out entirely. Really? Does Abbott know that every 68 seconds a rape occurs in America and Texas usually has more rapes annually than any other state? All I can say is, if Abbott believes rape can be eliminated entirely in Texas, he must be smoking some strange and powerful stuff. And if Abbot thinks it's so easy to stop all rape, why hasn't he tried to stop it already? Records show that Texas law enforcement has an excess of unused rape kits and those that are being used and processed result in few convictions. Maybe it's because Texas is a land of macho gunslingers where the preferred role for women is to be barefoot and pregnant. Ann S.

Gates of hell

BRAIDWOOD—When South Carolina Governor McMaster says he will fight the vaccine mandate "to the gates of hell," maybe that's where he will end up. How many Americans have died due to Covid? So far 660,000 overall and lately about a thousand per day. If Governor McMaster fights the vaccines, he will be responsible for thousands of deaths. Why would he want people to die and their families to grieve? He should strive to be his brother's keeper both as a Christian and as a governor. Perhaps McMaster is a bad governor and not a true Christian. The gates of hell may be beckoning for Governor McMaster of South Carolina. R.K.

Here's my vote

WILMINGTON—If such a thing really existed I would vote for Democrat Communist over any Republican with the exception of Liz Cheney and Adam Kinzinger.

Asian carp invasion

WILMINGTON—Concerning the removal of the dam. A wise person once said if we remove the dam we may be the Asian Carp capitol of the world. Number 2: I thought the state of Illinois was short on money. Number 3: If you can't read, don't go by it.

It's still a liability

WILMINGTON—Regarding the dam meeting, I thought it was very interesting and informative. I also thought more interesting was the majority of people that I knew were there don't even live in the city limits. They live north of the dam. Now to me, if you don't have any skin in the game such as property taxes and liability for the dam it's easy to say to keep it. I don't think those people should have a say in the decision on a dam that they don't live by. If they want to be annexed into the city and be liable for the cost of any future lawsuits because of that which is coming then get in the game. Sooner or later someone is going to go over the dam again floating down, God forbid. Put a special taxing district for along the river north of the dam and pay for the liability insurance the city can't get. In the city of Chicago if the police break into the wrong apartment and the plaintiff is given $4-$5 million. What do you think is going to happen if someone goes over the dam and down the river and God forbid gets killed and you have the most dangerous dam known in the state of Illinois and you didn't do a thing about it? Give the dam to the state. Get rid of the liability. The river is not going to dry up. It's flow is safe. Maybe the people upstream won't like it but it's still the flow.

Their land taken away

SHADOW LAKES—I watch a lot of American history and read about it and one thing, even though I fought in Vietnam, is why doesn't this country stick their nose in other people's business? A prime example is the American Indian. This was the American Indian's land and we came here and took it from them. Why did we destroy them when they were only defending their own land? Is that any different than us defending our land and governments from Russia or China? No, it's not. The American Indian owned this land and I am sorry to say that the European, African and Asian took that land from them.

Dan Hill

$85 billion left behind

Thank President Biden and the generals. The U.S. left behind $85 billion of taxpayer money in planes, Humvees, guns, special equipment in Afghanistan after we pulled out of the country. Now the enemy has it all for free to use against us. What a disaster. We will never know the true number of Afghans who helped Americans during the 20-year war and were left behind and probably will die.

SS drying up

I read the Social Security Trust Fund benefits decline 24% unless Congress intervenes by 2033. That's 12 short years away. Far too many are living far too long. When the Social Security Fund was set up most elderly died between 65-70 years old. Now, with the huge baby boomers class going into retirement the fund has problems.

The step down option

WILMINGTON—I attended the meeting to listen to the people of Wilmington talk about the dam removal. It was interesting and somewhat informative. One thing I find interesting is that the Braidwood Nuke Plant was not there to let us know their future plan. Will they continue and take the rest of the water? They, too, depend on the river for their cooling process because they came to Wilmington at some point and said "We will help the Kankakee River Water. It will be cleaner which will help vegetation grow for the fish." Tell that to my neighbors in Resthaven who now have an island of sludge in front of their homes. Yes, there is more vegetation and if you take a ride you will see that is closing up the river banks. That is every day, not on drought summer days. They did not help our waterway. The sludge in front of the Mill Race looks terrible. This makes our city look terrible. This is 2021, the business people of Wilmington are trying hard to make our city look nice since we also have Route 66 Corridor coming through. Wilmington is sitting on a gold mine but not using the resources we have been blessed with. So now the government is coming back to you Wilmington and saying "We will help you" by paying the entire price of taking out the dam. They, too, will destroy this beautiful waterway. The Kankakee River was a creek and still is in Indiana. The Army Corps of Engineers came and built this dam to help the city of Wilmington. Do you really want just a trickle of water going through our town? The design was done so many years ago. Now, with the new knowledge and technology, which the step down option is so much safer than the circular, pull back motion that we now have. I also found interesting that the people that live on the river have no say in this decision. But we can vote and remove the people that will be making this decision on the basis of free money and from the fear of lawsuits from families that were told to stay away from the dam. Please consider the step down option so we can keep the dam and the river, yet keep our families and friends safe. Help our business people and the homes that are affected get rid of that sludge. I say we don't need their help. Our city council will do the right thing. Keep people out of the water at the dam area. Remember anybody can drown, anywhere. Thanks for listening.

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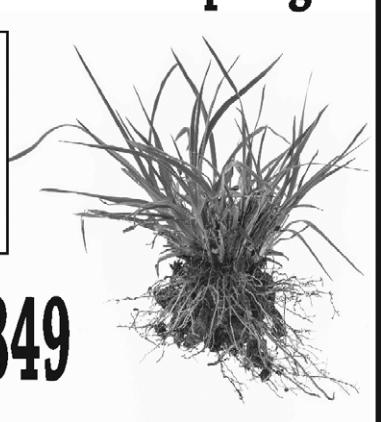
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3,800-mile journey includes local stops in book

STAFF REPORT

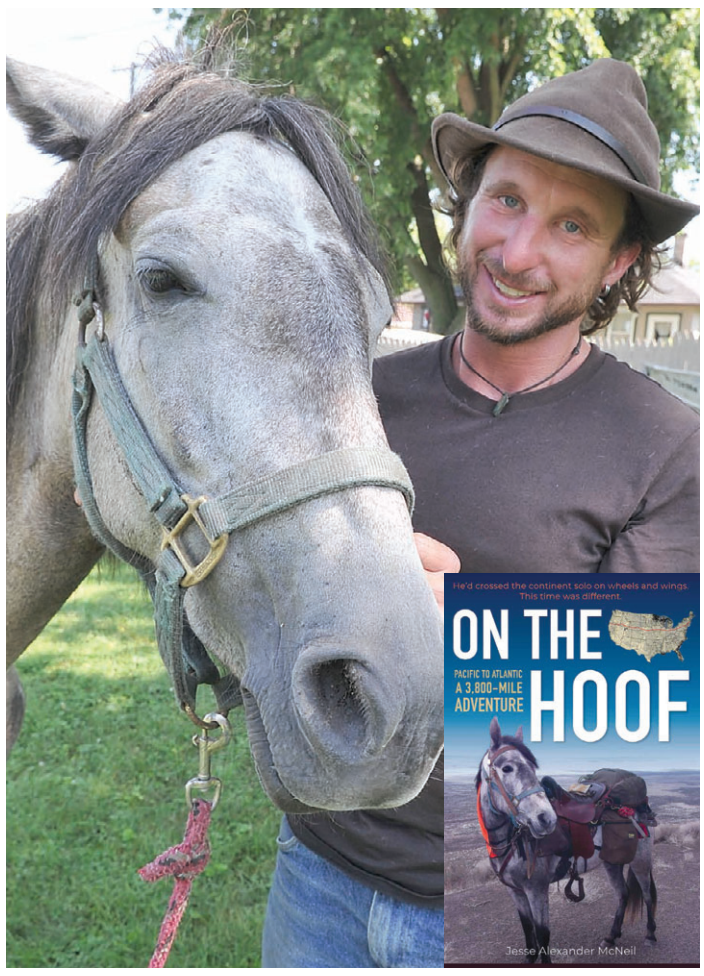
The true tale of a voyage that broke a man down and built him back up, with the help of one special horse is being told in the newly released book "On the Hoof."

At 37, Jesse McNeil—at times carpenter, commercial fisherman, dabbler in real estate—decided to buy an untrained horse, make himself into a horseman, and ride all the way across the United States, from the Pacific to the Atlantic Ocean.

His 3,800-mile route passed through Grundy and Will Counties including a stop in Wilmington where he met barber Bert Niehls who offered his yard for the horse to graze and a haircut and shave.

A fiercely independent traveler, McNeil had navigated previous coast-to-coast trips solo journeys by moped, bicycle, and small airplane. This time, however, he had a partner: a five-year-old Tennessee Walking Horse named Pepper.

An inexperienced horseman with an equally inexperienced mount, McNeil would quickly discover the immense challenges of his new undertaking. Over the course of eight months and 14 states, beginning in Oregon and ending on a beach in New Hampshire, he would be tested many times over as he learned not only what it took to keep Pepper safe and healthy, but the true value of qualities that he had once easily dismissed: patience and companionship.



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THEY STAYED in Wilmington eight years ago and now Jesse Alex McNeil has written a book about his 3,800-mile journey across the U.S. with his horse Pepper. The author is pictured taking a break in the yard owned by Bert and Charlene Niehls on South Kankakee Street.

The generosity of strangers, from helpful ranchers and storekeepers to suburban families, shaped the pair's journey east. And while at some points the miles didn't unfold as Jesse hoped, others yielded unexpected events that changed his perspective—and quite possibly, his future.

Written with honesty, grit, and grace, "On the Hoof" captures an arduous voyage that broke a man down and built him back up, with the help of one special horse.

After years crafting wood as a carpenter, he's now shaped words into his first book,"On the Hoof, Pacific to Atlantic," chronicling his journey across the country with Pepper.

The author and Pepper live in the San Juan Islands of Washington State where they continue to explore hills and fields and daydream of new journeys ahead.

The book is available now from Trafalgar Square Books.

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Gas prices fall as demand weakens

Illinois gas prices have fallen 5.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging $3.23/g Monday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 4,378 stations in Illinois.

Gas prices in Illinois are 7.2 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand $1.01/g higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Illinois is priced at $2.55/g while the most expensive is $3.89/g, a difference of $1.34/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.15/g. The national average is down 2.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 97.7 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

"Sagging U.S. gasoline demand along with continued recovery after Hurricane Ida have helped gas prices edge slightly lower in most states from where they were a week ago. But with Tropical Storm Nicholas threatening another key area of refineries in Houston with significant rain, we could see the decline in prices hit the pause button," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

"While Nicholas would appear to be a minor storm, we could see a deluge of water - the same issue that caused some significant damage in Ida's wake to refineries in Louisiana. Combined with the earlier storm, Nicholas could make things more challenging.

"However, as gasoline demand has now fallen for four straight weeks, there is more breathing room even if some capacity does temporarily go offline. It's too early to tell, clearly, but motorists should be aware."

Who has the most loyal fans driving the roads of Illinois?

You may be surprised at which professional sports team has the most loyal fans when it comes to cruising the roads of Illinois.

Not the Chicago Cubs.

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Try the Chicago White Sox

White Sox fans have purchased the most license plates in the sports team series offered through the Illinois Secretary of State's office.

More than 71,000 sports team license plates have been purchased since its inception in 2002, raising more than $13 million for Illinois public schools.

"I am thrilled to report that this program has generated $13,011,300 million for our public schools throughout Illinois. It is a win, win situation for our students, teachers and sports fans," commented Secretary of State Jesse White.

The White Sox plate leads all others with 21,890 sold. Second most popular is the Chicago Blackhawks plate with 19,848. Chicago Cubs fan plates sold is at 13,970, followed by the Chicago Bears: 8,620; St. Louis Cardinals: 3,555; and Chicago Bulls: 3,416.

The public may order the Sports Team Series license plates by visiting www.ilsos.gov. Fans may order random number, personalized or vanity plates. It will take approximately six weeks to receive license plates in the mail after ordering. Each license plate sale and renewal raises $25 for the Professional Sports Teams Education Fund and is earmarked for the Common School Fund, which supports public schools throughout Illinois.

The cost to purchase a random number sports plate for a currently titled vehicle with valid Illinois registration will be $69. Pricing varies for vanity and personalized license plates.

White noted that the St. Louis Cardinals Illinois license plates purchases have already surpassed the number of St. Louis Cardinals specialty plates sold in the state of Missouri. There are 1,214 St. Louis Cardinal license plates registered in the state of Missouri, according to the Missouri Department of Revenue.

"The Cardinals have built a strong legacy in the Metro East and throughout Illinois," said White. "Fans have expressed their pride for the Missouri team here in our great state, and the sales of these license plates benefits Illinois public schools."

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Serve up this favorite to game day guests

THE SUNDAY COCKTAIL
Brian Rung

The 2021 NFL season has begun! This season fans are back in the stands, and possibly in your living room as well.

What are you serving at your game day gathering? Game day cocktails are always nice, but someone always ends up playing bartender all day instead of spending quality time with friends. One solution to this problem is to prepare large batches of cocktails to be served in a punch bowl, and in recent years the most popular game day punch is the Moscow Mule Punch.

There are tons of options when it comes to punches and batched cocktails, why the Moscow Mule? The Mule is one of the best "all around" cocktails, in every sense.

It is not overly heavy like a Martini or Manhattan, but it has more kick than a Mimosa. It is a popular afternoon drink which is when most football games or tailgate parties take place, and the Moscow Mule has fans from sea to shining sea.

The signature flavor of the Mule is easily replicated in a large batch, which is difficult to accomplish with other cocktails. Even with a bit of dilution from melting ice in a punch bowl, the Mule still maintains its classic flavor profile of ginger and lime.

The Moscow Mule Punch is identical to the Moscow Mule cocktail, but with a twist. Mint leaves are a commonly used garnish for a single-serve Moscow Mule, but in the punch adaptation mint is used in the actual drink. I realize that a cup of mint leaves (plus more for garnish) is quite a lot of mint, but it's absolutely worth it. The crisp, clean mint flavor is a perfect complement to the ginger and lime.

As is the case with nearly all mixology applications, a sweet mint is the best option when mixing drinks. Spearmint is not ideal for use in cocktails as the menthol flavor will overpower nearly any drink.

The shopping list for the game day Moscow Mule Punch is straightforward, with one caveat. When it comes to ginger beer, not all is created equal. There is "regular" ginger beer, and diet or "light" ginger beer. In almost every case, the Moscow Mules served in commercial bars use the traditional ginger beer unless otherwise specified.

If you want your homemade Moscow Mules to taste like the Mules from your favorite bar, use the standard ginger beer. The light ginger beer maintains a ginger flavor in the same way that Diet Coke tastes like cola, but to many fans of the Moscow Mule the lighter or diet ginger beer tastes a bit watered down.

That's not to say there is not a wonderful diet ginger beer out there. If you have a favorite ginger beer, use it, but know that the ginger beer is the "make or break" ingredient. If you do not have a ginger beer preference, search for Fever Tree, Goslings, Reeds, or Cock'n Bull.

Don't break the bank on a premium vodka for any large batch cocktail or punch, stick with the standard Smirnoff, Tito's, Svedka, or Ketel One.

Fresh is always best when it comes to the mint and lime, if you have a juicer, you should be able to produce a cup of fresh lime juice with ease. A typical lime will yield nearly 1 oz. of juice, add a few extra to the shopping list for garnish. If you have mint in your herb garden, here's your chance to put it to good use.

THE MOSCOW MULE is a popular game day drink when it's served from a punch bowl into copper mugs.

When it comes to serving, presentation matters! Have some fun with this one. Moscow Mules are traditionally served in copper mugs, pick up a dozen or so wherever you can find them. Many local supermarkets and spirits retailers are carrying Mule mugs, they are also available online. If you have a restaurant supply store nearby, you may be able to pick up a box of mugs at a reasonable price.

A standard punch bowl and ladle will work, make sure the bowl has enough volume to hold the recipe below.

Next to your punch bowl, arrange your mugs. You know, in such a way that your guests will snap a pic and post to their social media. Also, set out two smaller bowls with the garnishes of mint and lime wheels. An ice bucket of extra bar ice is also helpful for the designated driver's ginger beer on ice. Ginger beer, by the way, is non-alcoholic.

One note on keeping your sliced lime garnishes fresh: always keep your sliced limes in a cup or bowl of club soda. This will keep them from drying out and will not change the flavor or nose of the lime.

Looks like the Bears are starting the 2021 campaign 0-1. They will have a chance to get back in the "W" column next week vs. Cincinnati at Soldier Field, noon kick on Sunday.

Moscow Mule Punch is built in a punch bowl, served in copper Mule mugs.

Combine in punch bowl:
4 cups of ice
3 cups of vodka
4 cups of ginger beer
1 cup of fresh lime juice
1 cup of mint leaves (optional)
2 limes, sliced into wheels

Combine ingredients in bowl, ladle into copper Mule mugs

Garnish with lime wheels and mint sprigs.

Until next week, enjoy responsibly.

Midewin Tallgrass Prairie announces hunting season updates, safety reminders

The USDA Forest Service's Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie announces updates and safety reminders for the 2021-2022 hunting seasons.

There are separate times identified based on the type of hunt. Dates for 2021-2022 hunting at Midewin NTP are as follows:

• Deer Archery
Oct. 1, 2021 through Jan. 16, 2022
• Shotgun
Nov. 19-22, 2021
• Shotgun
Dec. 2-5, 2021
• Muzzleloader
Dec. 10-12, 2021

Licenses for shotgun and muzzleloader hunting are awarded through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (I-DNR) lottery system. The I-DNR lottery is already complete for the 2021-2022 hunting seasons.

Hunting at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie is available on all lands open to the public with some exceptions.

Midewin NTP is managed by the USDA Forest Service and is a federal facility. State hunting laws as outlined in the Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations are enforced at Midewin NTP with the additions specified in the Special Hunt Area Rules.

Additional rules have been developed for all hunting at Midewin NTP consistent with USDA-FS policies and guidelines for recreation, public access and use. All of these conditions combine to provide a unique recreational experience at Midewin NTP for all visitors.

Hunters can go directly to trailheads and sign in near where they park. Additionally, there is no longer an introductory video. This updated process was introduced in 2019 and will remain in place at Midewin NTP for forthcoming hunting seasons until further notice.

As in previous years, each trailhead serves as a sign-in location specific to a hunting area at Midewin NTP. Now, hunters can go directly to a trailhead parking area and sign in at the seedbed kiosk at the River Road Trailhead. ("P3" – River Road & Boathouse Road); at the Explosives Road Trailhead ("P5"- IL State Route 53 & Explosives Road); at the Iron Bridge Trailhead (IL State Route 53, just south of Hoff Road); and at the Hoff Road Trailhead (Hoff Road & Chicago Road). Please reference the trail map: https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd551074.pdf.

Hunters must be at least 150 yards away from parking lots and trails while hunting.

Safety for Hunters

• Check weather reports before your visit.

• Tell someone where you will be hunting and when you will return.

• Be familiar with the area.

• Dress properly and be prepared for the worst possible conditions.

• Check hunting equipment before and after each outing and maintain it properly. Familiarize yourself with its operation before using it in the field.

• Carry a spare set of dry clothing. Use layering techniques to prevent moisture while retaining body warmth. Always bring rain gear.

• Carry a first aid kit.

• Clearly identify your target before shooting.

• Put hunting plans in writing (dates, times, location and expected time of return).

• Be alert when hunting near developed areas and trails.

• Wear hunter orange or another highly visible color.

Safety for Non-hunters

• Make yourself more visible: Wear colors that stand out, like red or orange, and avoid white, blacks, browns, earth-toned greens and animal-colored clothing.

• Don't forget to protect "Fido"; consider bright colors for dogs.

• Make noise. Whistle, sing or carry on a conversation as you walk to alert hunters to your presence.

• Hunters should be listening for any sounds of animal movement.

• Be courteous. Once a hunter is aware of your presence, don't make unnecessary noise to disturb wildlife. Avoid confrontations.

• Make yourself known. If you do hear shooting, raise your voice and let hunters know that you are in the vicinity.

• Know when hunting seasons are. Continue to hike, but learn about where and when hunting is taking place.

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DEER ARCHERY HUNTERS can harvest deer at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie near Wilmington. Dates for hunting at Midewin have been established and hunters can go directly to trailhead parking area to sign in when they hunt.

Forest Preserve hosts Pelican Watch

Learn all about the pelicans that gather in Will County during fall migration from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at Four Rivers Environmental Education Center. Guided hikes and pelican presentations will be offered from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1p.m. to 3 p.m. Pelican presentations are scheduled for noon-12:30 p.m. and 1-1:30 p.m. Lil Deb's Mobile Eats will be serving food from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Register online by Sept. 24 for the guided hikes and presentations or call 815-722-9470.

Junk-in-the-trunk, farmers market vendors wanted

The Braidwood Lions Club will be holding their final Junk-In-The-Trunk & Farmers Market of the year on Sunday, Sept. 19 from noon to 6 p.m. in the north end of the Braidwood City Park.

Farmers, vendors, crafters, bakers and more are invited to participate with a 15ft x 15ft space costing just $10. Pre-registration is not mandatory but is highly encouraged.

To pre-register, please email marykaminsky55@gmail.com or call (815) 791-8093. There will be other family activities taking place throughout the park during the day. More information is available by visiting www.braidwoodlionsclub.org

Owning your age seminar offered

Are you living large or just treading water? As a wise man once said, "To know how to grow old is the masterwork of wisdom and one of the most difficult chapters in the great art of living.

The senior years can be very challenging, even daunting. The First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington is offering a four-part seminar to explore these challenges and suggest ways of meeting them.

The meetings will be in the Fellowship Room of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington at Van Buren and Kankakee streets.

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 12, the seminar will start at 9:30 a.m. and last 45 minutes. All are welcome. There is no fee and reservations are not required.

Illinois Valley Area of NA to host meetings

The Illinois Valley Area of Narcotics Anonymous holds meetings Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays for anyone who needs help coping with drug abuse.

On Tuesdays, "Fight for life" meeting can be found in Coal City at the United Methodist Church on 6805 E. McArdle Rd., from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

On Wednesdays, "Working the steps" meeting is in Channahon at the United Methodist Church, on 24751 W. Eames St. The meeting is from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday's meeting is "Making amends" and will be located at the United Methodist Church in Coal City. Meeting times are 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Planning a community event? Invited the public by placing an ad here. Call 815-476-7966

Class of 1961reunion

After skipping a year due to the pandemic, the Wilmington High class of 1961 is getting together for a 60th-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 1, at Wilmington's South Island pavilion.

The city rents the pavilion from noon to dusk, so plan to eat around 1 p.m. Cost is $5 per person. There will be meat provided and everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Anyone with questions can call Sharon at (815)-861-6534.

Grace Luthern starts suicide support group

Grace Luthern Church is now holding a suicide support group on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the church at 907 Luther Dr., in Wilmingon. The next meeting will be on Oct. 12.

If you have lost a family member or friend to suicide, please come and join us as a way to heal. Bring a picture of your loved one with you.

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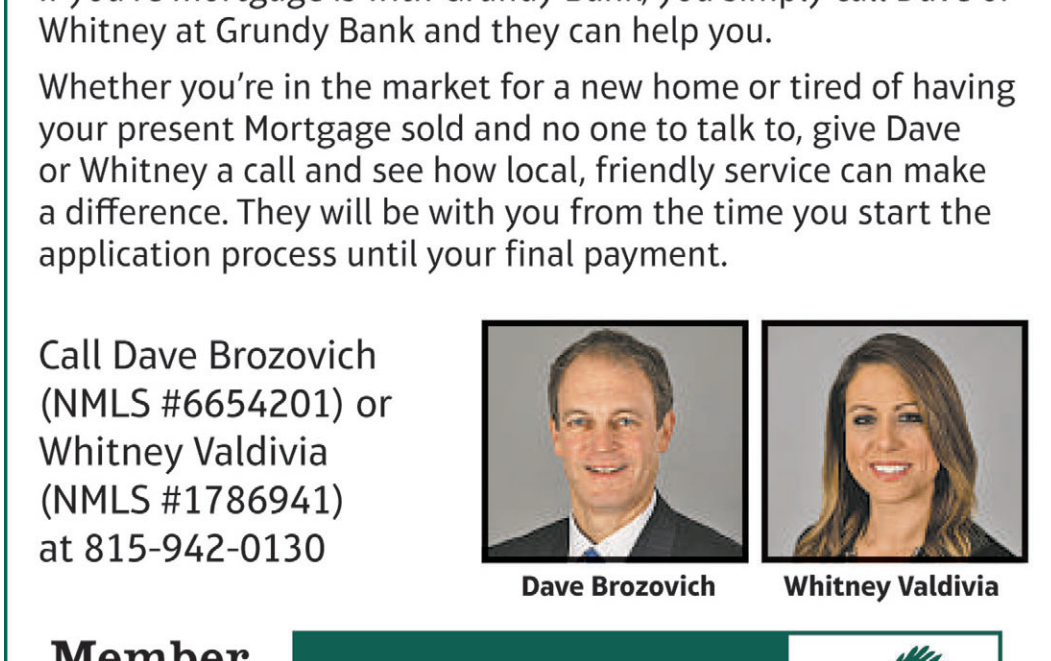

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OBITUARIES

Timothy J. Hanley

MORRIS—Timothy J. Hanley, 40, of Morris, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021.

Born June 19, 1981 in Joliet, Timothy James was the son of Kenneth James and Mary Carroll (Davidson) Hanley, of Morris. He was raised in Morris; graduated from Morris High School with the class of 1999 and went on to serve in the United States Army.

Tim was most recently employed with Costco until his declining health forced him to leave. In years past he took pleasure in dirt biking and four wheeling, however music was always his passion. Tim was a self-taught musician, loved to play the guitar, and played in a band. He enjoyed movies and will most be remembered for the love he had for his daughter, who was the drive and inspiration, in which he lived for each day.

Survivors include his parents, daughter, Lani Hanley, of Morris; sister, Erin Hanley, of Ottawa; aunts and uncles: Roger (Donna) Hanley, of Tampa, FL and Judi (Craig) Nettleingham, of Ottawa; niece and nephew, Ty Muffler and Libby Muffler, both of Ottawa and several cousins, as well as the mother of his daughter, Dawn (Zach) Misener, of Morris.

Tim was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Maurice "Buck" and Anne Davidson and paternal grandparents, Francis and Louise Hanley.

Private family services will be held and Tim will be laid to rest with military honors in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Preferred memorials in lieu of flowers may be made as gifts in Tim's memory to Operation St. Nick or to Immaculate Conception School in Morris.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the guest book, upload photographs and share Tim's memorial page online through social media by logging onto: www.ReevesFuneral.com/obituary/Timothy-Hanley

Services and arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. in Morris.

Linda Yott-Wills

COAL CITY—Linda Yott-Wills, 62, of Coal City, passed away Thursday, Sept. 10, 2021 at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Born April 14, 1959 in Chicago, Linda Sue was a daughter of Ronald and June (Fiene) Yott. She was raised and educated in the Bridgeport neighborhood of Chicago, and in 1997 she moved with her family to Coal City. Linda was a hard worker and held several jobs over her years, making sure she was able to help support and raise her family. She was a member of the Coal City Area Club and founded a Grandparents Support Group devoted to helping grandparents who were responsible for raising their grandchildren. This cause was near and dear to Linda's heart, and she was proud to have impacted so many other grandparents' lives and make life-long friends along the way. In her free time, she loved solving jigsaw and online puzzles, as well as playing online bingo and spending time on Facebook. Linda devoted her life to being the best wife, mother and grandmother she could be, and cherished any time that she could spend with her loved ones.

Survivors include her husband, Roger Wills, who she married on May 3, 2008; two children, Keith Loher, of Dwight and Heather (Richard) Harwood, of Kansas City, MO; four grandchildren: John Wills, of Coal City, who she raised and adopted as her own son in 2008 and Joseph, Nicole and Lilli Harwood, all of Kansas City; one brother and one sister, Carol (Mickey) Niemczyk, of Saint John, IN and Ronald Yott, of Minneapolis, MN and several nieces and nephews.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were held Monday, Sept. 13, 2021 at Reeves Funeral Home in Coal City.

Burial followed at Braceville-Gardner Cemetery in Braceviile.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Linda's memory to a charity of the donor's choosing.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the online guest book, upload photographs, and share Linda's memorial page by logging onto: www.ReevesFuneral.com.

Funeral services and arrangements were made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. In Coal City.

Sharon Kay Lacy

FLORIDA—Sharon Kay Lacy, 78, of Seminole, FL passed away Feb. 14, 2021 in Las Vegas, NV. She was born March 3, 1942 in Joliet to Kenneth Lacy and Ione Harter Lacy.

Sharon is survived by one son, Kenny Turan, of Washington, formerly of Wilmington; brothers, Kenneth Larry Lacy and Michael Lacy, of Wilmington, seven grandchildren and a special niece, Shannon Wujek, of Channahon.

She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter, Tammy Alloe and grandson, Kyle Alloe.

Graveside services will be held at Oakwood Cemetery in Wilmington on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021 at 11 a.m.

Christopher Kavanaugh

FLORIDA—Christopher S. Kavanaugh, 47, passed away on Aug. 21, 2021 at Melbourne Regional Hospital in Florida due to Covid.

He was born July 3, 1974 in Joliet. He married Rachelle Maquiniana in February 2019 in the Philippines and she joined him in the United States on July 4, 2021. Chris opened his business, Dockside Marine Inc., in 2002. He also owned CK Transporting Inc. business in 2014.

Chris is survived by his parents, Diane and Tim Thomas, of Palm Bay, FL and Kevin and Dawna Kavanaugh of Wilmington and Grandfather, Jack (Louise) DeWalt, of Palm Bay, FL; siblings: Amber (Shawn) Ingram, children, Alexia and Bradley, of Portland, TN; Jeana (Maickon) Carrico, children, Aislynn and Logan, of Wilmington; Chad (Shelby) Kavanaugh, children Conner and Corvin, of Loudon, TN and Lora Kavanaugh, of Tacoma, WA.

Chris was preceded in death by his grandparents, Helen DeWalt, Norma Jean and George Kavanaugh.

A celebration of Chris' life will be held at a later date this year.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the family,

Anyone wanting to send the family a message or share a story is asked to visit Chris' page at www.davisseawinds.com.

A go fund me page has been set up for Chris' family at www.gofundme.com/f/Donations-for-Christopher-Kavanaughs-Family.

Candi R. Steinhilber

GARDNER— Candi R. Steinhilber, 55, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021 at Regency Care in Morris.

She was born in Morris to Theodore and Linda (nee Kociss) Christensen. She was fun and outgoing with an enthusiasm for life. Candi had a love for Harley-Davidson Motorcycles. She was a good cook.

Candi is survived by her son, Aaron Paquette of Gardner; her grandson, Braxton Paquette; and her father, Theodore Christensen.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Linda Christensen.

Visitation will be on Saturday, Sept. 18th, 2021 from 9:00 am to 10:30 am at the Ferrari Funeral Chapel, 1044 Ferrari Drive, Coal City, Il. 60416 with funeral service beginning at 10:30 am, also at Ferrari's. Burial will follow at Braceville Gardner Cemetery.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the online guestbook at www.ferrarifuneral.com

Ferrari Funeral Services of Coal City are entrusted with arrangements.

Todd T. Sula

GOOSE LAKE— Todd T. Sula, 49, of Goose Lake Twp. passed at his home on Sept. 6, 2021.

He was born on July 22, 1972 in Berwyn, IL. to Thomas and Judith (nee Cada)Sula. He attended Coal City Schools, graduating from Coal City High School. He married Linda Kratochvil and together they raised their two sons in Goose Lake. Todd was a sheet metal worker with Local # 265. He was a hard working man who was always willing to lend a hand to his family and friends. When he had some spare time, he enjoyed golfing with his buddies. Todd was a Coal City High School football player who continued on to coach the Miners. He was so proud of his young men and his Super Bowl winning team. Todd loved his family more than anything. He had a heart of gold and will be forever in his loved ones hearts.

He is survived by his loving wife, Linda Sula and their two sons, Trent and Dane Sula, all of Goose Lake; his parents, Thomas and Judith Sula; his brother, Trevor (Amy) Sula; his nieces and nephews, Tanner Sula, Carolynn Nowak, Paul (Ashley) Kratochvil, Nicole (Doug) Sparks, Holly (Josh) Brown, Bethany Kratochvil, Hannah Kratochvil, Renee Kratochvil and his great-nieces and great-nephews, Lianna, Natalie, William, Raelyn, Mason and Morgan.

Cremation rites will be accorded. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the online guestbook at www.ferrarifuneral.com

Ferrari Funeral Services of Coal City are entrusted with arrangements.

Schedule of Events

24th Annual Prairie Day

Saturday, September 18, 2021

10:00 a.m. -**Opening** with **outside exhibits including the American Indian Exhibit, the Conservation Police Wildlife Exhibit, Park Amenities** and the **Gift Shop** in Center.

10:30 a.m. -**Scales and Tales** with Beth Wagner (Auditorium) First Prairie Wagon Ride (*Reservation booth on patio in front yard. Everyone must have a ticket to ride. No prior reservations accepted.)*

11:00 a.m. -**Food Tent** opens in Front yard.

12:00 noon -Second Prairie Wagon Ride. Have your tickets ready.

12:30 p.m. -**Coal Black Exotics** with Bill Bradley (Auditorium)

1:15 p.m. -Third Prairie Wagon Ride. Have your tickets ready.

2:00 p.m. -**"Grundy County Weather" by the Illinois Storm Catchers** with Nick Barlith. (Auditorium)

(*Food Tent closes at 2:00 p.m.*)

2:30 p.m. -Fourth Prairie Wagon Ride. Have your tickets ready. Drawing for the Prairie Partner Homemade Lap Quilt.

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As pandemic winds down, animal shelters fear a rise of pets

BY KEVIN BESSLER
THE CENTER SQUARE

They call them "Pandemic Puppies," pets that were adopted during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic that are now being returned to Illinois animal shelters.

An estimated 23 million people around the country adopted pets in 2020.

Jane Kahman, manager of of the Humane Society of Central Illinois, said county-run shelters all over the area are seeing a spike in returned pets.

"We take in a lot of pets from all over Central Illinois, all the different animal controls, and they are just stuffed to the gills," Kahman said.

The central Illinois branch has taken in nearly 500 animals this year, she said. Some owners explained that they can't care for the pet because they are heading back to the office, Kahman said.

"I have this puppy. I'm back to work and I have no time for training," Kahman said she has been told. "So they will ask to relinquish the pet."

Erin Buckmaster, director of the Knox County Humane Society, reports they are full as well, but are taking a proactive approach for adoptions on their Facebook page.

In other areas, there doesn't appear to be a surge in surrendered pets.

"Last year, when COVID was more impactful, the numbers of animals entering shelters fell quite a bit. This year, we are higher than last year, but still not back to the intake numbers that we had seen in years prior to COVID," said Becky Spencer, director of the Peoria County Animal Protection Services.

At DuPage County Animal Services, operations manager Laura Flamion said intake is steady for dogs and cats, but they have seen a significant increase in the number of unwanted pet rabbits.

Buckmaster has a reminder for those who adopted pets last year.

"They were there for you during the pandemic. Now it is time for you to be there for them," Buckmaster said.

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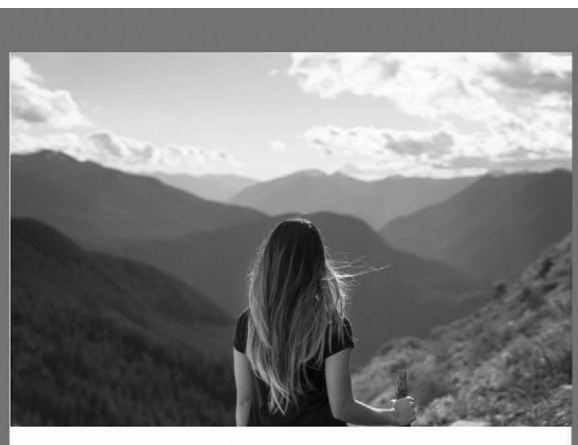

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Energy bill proves there's a new way in Springfield

CAPITOL FACTS

Rich Miller

"This is what decentralized, collective leadership looks like," declared House Speaker Chris Welch's spokesperson Jaclyn Driscoll not long after the chamber approved the climate/energy bill on an unexpectedly lopsided 83-33 roll call on Thursday.

The vote was without a doubt a spectacular victory, especially considering the Senate was unable to put together its own package that could pass both chambers and be signed into law.

Not only did all but one House Democrat vote for the bill after starting the day miles from that point, but 11 House Republicans ended up on board even though House Republican leadership had said the day before that there was "nearly zero" support for it and only two Senate Republicans had voted for their chamber's version.

The House Black Caucus has for years specialized in blowing up important bills in order to pry concessions loose for their constituency. So, Speaker Welch put Assistant Majority Leader Marcus Evans, an African-American South Sider, into the lead negotiator's role after the Senate punted the issue to his chamber.

And when the Black Caucus expectedly demanded more concessions, Leader Evans was able to make some changes and then convincingly explain to the caucus how Black folks were getting a decent deal.

Speaker Welch probably could've tried to strong-arm the climate/energy bill through the House with the absolute bare minimum of 71 votes (a three-fifths majority), and he might have been successful.

Instead, Welch told Gov. JB Pritzker that he had to finally come to terms with Assistant House Majority Leader Jay Hoffman, who had been relentlessly advocating for an approach that would bring the state's two municipally owned coal-fired electricity plants to a neutral bargaining position. Hoffman was one of Pritzker's earliest supporters in the 2018 campaign, but the Metro East Democrat's strong advocacy for coal-related jobs had put him on the outs.

Hoffman had made his pitch to Welch, but his cause was aided by House Republican Leader Jim Durkin. Welch needed votes and he asked Durkin for help but was turned down because Durkin opposed the bill. The Republican did, however, say that coal was a big issue for his caucus.

At Welch's behest, Pritzker immediately dispatched his point-person, Deputy Gov. Christian Mitchell, to Rep. Hoffman's office. The Senate Democrats claimed for months that Mitchell was the main obstacle to closing a deal, but Mitchell and Hoffman were able to fairly quickly work out an arrangement.

Assistant House Majority Leader Robyn Gabel, Welch's third point-person on the climate/energy bill and the most liberal of the bunch, listened closely to the enviros and effectively communicated their wants and had the political savvy to turn those wants into a doable reality. Her strong credibility also ensured that the enviros stayed in line when a deal was cut that was not close to everything the greens wanted. Leader Gabel's role cannot be understated. This simply doesn't happen without her.

So, yeah, Driscoll was right. This was a collective win. But Welch still deserves an enormous amount of credit for masterminding this thing across the finish line. And, frankly, for all the moaning about how Mike Madigan would've sealed the deal earlier, I don't think there's any way the former House Speaker could've ever gotten that many votes on a bill like this. It's a new day and a new way.

The governor, too, played his cards right in the end. As we all know, Pritzker and Senate President Don Harmon still have, um, issues, so the two men apparently couldn't bring themselves to make a deal with one another when the bill was in the Senate.

Harmon finally accepted that reality and agreed to kick the ball to the House, where Pritzker was obviously more comfortable and willing to do whatever it took to work with Welch, including taking a deal that he might possibly have rejected if it had been made by the Senate (some insist the House bill wasn't as strong as Harmon's best effort last month).

Also, in retrospect, it was probably a good thing for the governor that talks with the Senate broke down at the end of May. If the bill had passed back then, the entire focus would've been on the huge bailout for Exelon's nuke plants. Instead, the public conversation shifted to coal and climate change, which is a far more politically advantageous spot for Pritzker.

Whatever. It's over now. Harmon graciously accepted the terms, and we won't have to deal with this issue again until the inevitable "cleanup" bills surface.

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Dear EarthTalk: What are the environmental implications of the current drought across the American West and how does it compare with past dry spells?
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The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association's U.S. Drought Monitor (USDM) database, found on Drought.gov, reports that as of Aug. 31, 39 percent of the U.S. is in drought, with 30 states experiencing moderate drought or worse.

The USDM uses a five-category system to classify drought severity, from abnormally dry to exceptional drought. The percent area of the western U.S. in extreme to exceptional drought peaked at 59.5 percent on July 20, 2021, while the percent in moderate to exceptional drought peaked at 90.3 percent on July 27, 2021.

This value exceeded the previous peak in the 21-year USDM record that occurred in August and September of 2003.

These significant drought conditions have dropped several bodies of water in the Western United States to record-breaking lows. On July 23, the Great Salt Lake in Utah, one of the largest bodies of water in the U.S., reached its lowest water level since the U.S. Geological Survey began taking measurements in 1875.

The previous low was set in 1963. Additionally, as of August 22, Nevada and Arizona's Lake Mead reservoir had dropped to just 35 percent of its capacity, and the Lake Powell reservoir that spans across Utah and Arizona is now at just 31 percent of its capacity.

This current lake elevation data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which manages the Lake Mead and Lake Powell reservoirs, and other portions of the Colorado River watershed. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation recently decided that, given the historic drought, the Lake Mead reservoir will operate in what is called a Level One shortage condition for the first time ever in 2022. This will mean reduced water throughout 2022 to Arizona, Nevada and Mexico.

As water levels drop and become hotter during drought, cyanobacteria in algae blooms thrive. These toxic algae blooms, which can appear blue-green in color, or sometimes a reddish-brown color, can harm the nervous system and liver, and can be fatal if ingested.

The 2015 study "Drought-Induced Water-Level Reduction Favors Cyanobacteria Blooms in Tropical Shallow Lakes" projected a warmer and drier climate in the future will reduce water quantity and quality, increasing the risks of cyanobacteria blooms.

The Idaho Conservation League reported in August 2021 that heat waves, drought, and excessive pollution are contributing to what could be the worst year ever for toxic algae in Idaho.

This summer's drought conditions are also contributing to poorer air quality and a spike in aggravating adverse allergy and respiratory symptoms. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the dusty, dry conditions that accompany drought increase the number of particulates suspended in the air, irritating bronchial passages and lungs.

Increased air pollution may potentially play a part in surging mortality rates from COVID-19, according to recent studies out of Harvard. A separate study out of Stanford University in 2014 warned of the rise of amplified air pollutant accumulations due to drought and increased difficulty in meeting air quality goals.

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THE DROUGHT IS at its worse in the Western states where lake beds have turned dry. Just two years ago this dog would be swimming in this lake. Today it is bone dry.

Armyworm invasion marching across Illinois

BY KEVIN BESSLER
THE CENTER SQUARE

Fall armyworm caterpillars are getting fat at the expense of farmers and homeowners in Illinois.

The pest is found in the Midwest nearly every year, but this year multiple generations came up from the southern states and Central and South America to mate and lay eggs.

"This just happens to be one of the worst outbreak years for the fall armyworm that we have seen in the eastern U.S. really in many, many years," said Nick Seiter, University of Illinois Extension field cops entomologist.

The caterpillars appear brown, green or black in color, with light colored lines running along its back from head to tail.

They get the name "armyworm" because they march in large numbers before devouring a field in a few days. They are known to eat alfalfa, pastures, corn and small grains and can infest lawns and gardens. In hayfields or lawns, the affected area often appears as brown or burned out patches, resembling drought damage.

Seiter said the fact that the pests arrived late this year is good news for soybean growers.

"These insects do like to feed on tender, growing plant tissue, and a lot of our soybeans in Illinois right now are sort of past that point," Seiter said.

It is a different story for double-crop soybeans that were planted following wheat. Those fields that were planted late are in particular peril.

Fall armyworm infestation is best controlled when the caterpillars are a half inch or smaller. Seiter said insecticide failure has been reported in parts of Illinois and in the south.

Illinois continues to lead the nation in soybean production, according to 2019 USDA estimates. Illinois soybean farmers raised over 532 million bushels of soybeans in 2019 on nearly 10 million harvested acres with an average yield of 54 bushels per acre.

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Capital program aimed at revitalizing main streets

BY KEVIN BESSLER
THE CENTER SQUARE

Illinois has a new economic recovery program aimed at revitalizing commercial corridors that were hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity announced last week a $50 million capital program designed to spur investments in main street areas statewide. The latest installment of the Rebuild Illinois capital program will leverage funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to provide grants for construction, repair and modernization of public infrastructure and amenities.

"We are inviting cities, towns, chambers of commerce, private developers just to name a few, to apply for these funds that will revitalize their communities and the local economy," said DCEO spokesperson Aly Grady.

Projects eligible for the grants must be located in a commercial center or downtown area. They could include roadways, parking and public way improvements, parks and plazas for public use, and transit-oriented development.

Project awards will range from $250,000 to $3 million in funding. The program incentivizes local match with private businesses or organizations required to provide a minimum 50% match. Public projects will receive higher priority if they include a local match component.

Smaller towns and their businesses in downstate Illinois have been hit hard by the pandemic, and attracting more people to live there will be a challenge in a state that is losing residents. The total population in Illinois is about 12.8 million, a decline of over 18,000 since the last census count. Only two other states, West Virginia and Mississippi, lost residents.

"While Illinois has made significant progress in combatting COVID-19 and reopening our communities, we know that more work is needed to restore economic activity to the places hit hardest during the pandemic," said DCEO Acting Director Sylvia Garcia.

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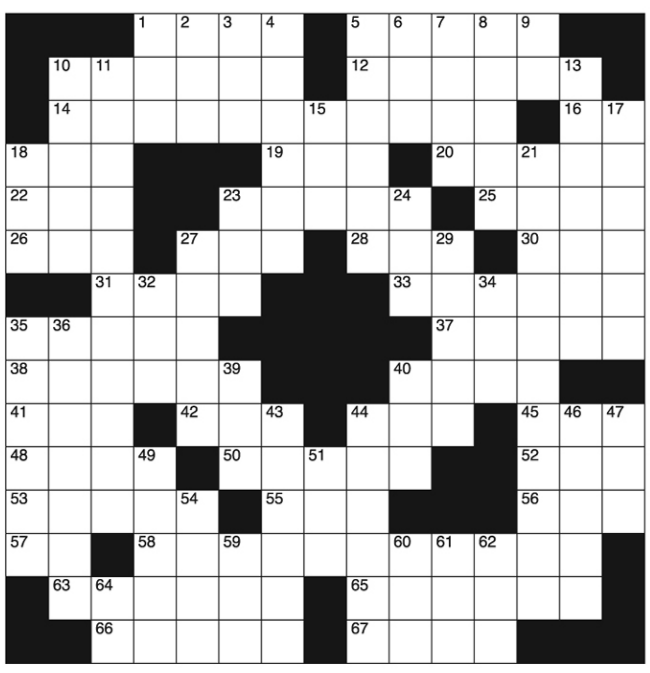

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4. Distinctive smells
5. Digressions
6. Partner to cheese
7. Father of Araethyrea
8. Made a cavity
9. Tin
10. Appetizer
11. Presenting in detail
13. Compound in guano and fish scales
15. Cool!
17. "__ than a doornail"
18. Popular literary form __ fi
21. Be the most remarkable
23. "Final Fantasy" universe character
24. Buffer solution
27. Muslim physician using traditional remedies
29. Fantastical planet
32. S. American plant
34. Domesticated animal
35. The tops of mountains
36. Expression of disapproval
39. Skeletal muscle
40. Game show host Sajak
43. One's interests
44. Identify the existence of
46. Partner to "oohed"
47. Does not accept medical help (abbr.)
49. Hammerin' Hank
51. Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
54. Elaborately draped garment
59. Check
60. Car mechanics group
61. One point east (clockwise) of due north
62. Austrian river
64. A command to list files

Attorney Berardi files Gerace estate notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS - IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of KAREN S. GERACE, Deceased. Case No.: 21P517

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Karen S. Gerace of Shorewood, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 1, 2021 to Robert Petrouski as Independent Executor.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Will County Court House, 14 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication date of this Notice, which is on or before March 15, 2022, or if mailing or delivery of this notice from the personal representative is required by Sec. 18.3 of the Probate Act of 1995, the date stated in that Notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider.

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Dated: September 1, 2021.

Robert Petrouski, Independent Executor

Mark M. Berardi, Attorney at Law, Attorney No.: 6305463, 14919 Founders Crossing, Homer Glen, IL 60491. (708) 942-8030 Email: mark@berardilaw office.com

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Attorney Berardi files Calt estate notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS - IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN CALT Deceased. Case No.: 2021 P 655

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of John Calt of Mokena, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 20, 2021 to Timothy Calt as Independent Administrator

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Will County Court House, 14 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication date of this Notice, which is on or before March 15, 2022, or if mailing or delivery of this notice from the personal representative is required by Sec. 18.3 of the Probate Act of 1995, the date stated in that Notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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Dated: August 20, 2021.

Timothy Calt, Independent Administrator

Mark M. Berardi, Attorney at Law, Attorney No.: 6305463, 14919 Founders Crossing, Homer Glen, IL 60491. (708) 942-8030 Email: mark@berardilaw office.com

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PUBLIC AUCTION
SATURDAY, SEPT. 18, 10:00 a.m.
(RAIN DATE SUN., SEPT. 19)
190 N. FORREST DR., MAZON, IL
OWNERS: BILL AND DOROTHY ROLANDO
(TAKE RT. 47 GO EAST ON RT. 113 FIRST SUBDIVISION AFTER MAZON RIVER BRIDGE)

(GO TO AUCTIONZIP.COM ID #9525 FOR LISTING & PHOTOS)

RIDGEWAY & BENTLEY GRANDFATHER CLOCK'S-GERMAN CUCKOO CLOCK-SOFA -GLIDER ROCKER W/ OTTOMAN-HEAVILY CARVED JACOBEAN DINNING ROOM SET, SIX CHAIRS AND BUFFET SIDEBOARD--MAPLE CHINA CABINET-THREE PIECE BEDROOM SET-PORCH GLIDER-

VTG ZODIAC FLOOR STYLE GLOBE-SYLVANIA TV - 50" PROJECTION TV-

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All Newspapers - Thurs., 4 p.m.
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Free - 2 small abandoned dogs need a home, no small children, needs someone to be permanent owners. Call 815-476-6481.

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HELP WANTED

Applications are being taken for one, full time 12 month , 8 hours per day Custodial/Maintenance position. Please contact Jim Habing at jhabing@209u.net or phone 815-926-1725
Resumes should be sent to: Mr. Jim Habing
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209U Wildcat Court
Wilmington, IL 60481
Wilmington Community Unit School District No. 209U is in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which states that no person in the United State shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicapping condition be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity in which District 209U receives federal assistance. ch37b-39a

City Pizza and Sub Co., 300 E. Baltimore St., Wilmington, seeking a driver and cook. Apply within. ck36b-40a

Goose Lake Association is looking to hire a Bar manager and Bartenders. Contact office at 815-942-4879. cc37a-40b

Applications are being taken for one, part time-9 month, 4 hours per day Custodial/Maintnance position. Please contact Jim Habing at jhabing@209u.net or phone 815-926-1725
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VanDuyne Motel is looking for part-time maintenance man/handy man, working up to 25 hrs/week. Please call 815-476-2801 or stop by VanDuyne Motel at 107 Bridge St., Wilmington, IL. Come to office and fill out application. cc34a-37b

HELP WANTED

The Coal City School District is currently hiring for cafeteria employees. There are multiple positions open. If you want to work with a great team & have excellent hours, please apply at www.coalcity-schools.org & click the district tab Employment Opportunities or e-mail Amanda Herrera-Ford at aherrera@coalcity-schools.org.ch 37b-39a

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Optometric Vision & Eye Health Care, Joliet Practice seeks experienced Optometric Assistant leading to Management. Wages* are negotiable to Credentialed applicants with experience. Position requires at least two afternoons/evenings (7 or 8pm) and Saturdays (3 or 4pm). NO SUNDAYS. Optometric Vision and Eye Health Care experienced; customer service, E.H.R, professional office skills, internet, Microsoft Word, Excel, software use, etc. ordering glasses, with basic billing experience, etc. *Wages commensurate with experience and confirmed resume. Semi-Retirees Welcome. Submit resume with references. adforhelpwanted@yahoo.com cc35b-39a

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REAL ESTATE

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE of **712 W. Eureka Street, Braidwood, IL 60408** (Single Family Home). On the **7th** day of **October, 2021** to be held at 12:00 noon, at the Will County Courthouse Annex, 57 N. Ottawa Street, Room 201, Joliet, IL 60432, under Case Title: **PHH Mortgage Corporation** Plaintiff V. **Lynne Lessman; et. al.** Defendant. Case No. **21 CH 0133** in the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Will County, Illinois. Terms of Sale: ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours. No judicial sale fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. All payments shall be made in cash or certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Will County. In the event the property is a condominium, in accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) and (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the unit, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act. Pursuant to Local Court Rule 11.03 (J) if there is a surplus following application of the proceeds of sale, then the plaintiff shall send written notice pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512(d) to all parties to the proceeding advising them of the amount of the surplus and that the surplus will be held until a party obtains a court order for its distribution or, in the absence of an order, until the surplus is forfeited to the State. For Information Please Contact:
Codilis & Associates, P.C.
15W030 N. Frontage Road Suite 100
Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527
P: 630-794-5300
F: 630-794-9090
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT YOU ARE ADVISED THAT THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Published in the Free Press Newspapers on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 22 & 29, 2021.

REAL ESTATE

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE of **35025 Cemetery Rd, Braidwood, IL 60408** (Residential). On the **7th** day of **October, 2021** to be held at 12:00 noon, at the Will County Courthouse Annex, 57 N. Ottawa Street, Room 201, Joliet, IL 60432, under Case Title: **The Bank of New York Mellon, F/K/A The Bank of New York as trustee for registered Holders of CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-13** Plaintiff V. **Lowell E. Lide; et. al.** Defendant. Case No. **19 CH 1926** in the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Will County, Illinois. Terms of Sale: ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours. No judicial sale fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. All payments shall be made in cash or certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Will County. In the event the property is a condominium, in accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) and (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the unit, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act. Pursuant to Local Court Rule 11.03 (J) if there is a surplus following application of the proceeds of sale, then the plaintiff shall send written notice pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512(d) to all parties to the proceeding advising them of the amount of the surplus and that the surplus will be held until a party obtains a court order for its distribution or, in the absence of an order, until the surplus is forfeited to the State. For Information Please Contact:
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REAL ESTATE

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE of **916 N. English Street, Braidwood, IL 60408** (single family). On the **30th** day of **September, 2021** to be held at 12:00 noon, at the Will County Courthouse Annex, 57 N. Ottawa Street, Room 201, Joliet, IL 60432, under Case Title: **U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-BNC3** Plaintiff V. **Roy E. Mack; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc, as Mortgagee as Nominee for Lehman Brothers, FSB, its Successors and Assigns; Townes of Braidwood Homeowner's Association** Defendant. Case No. **20 CH 0687** in the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Will County, Illinois. Terms of Sale: ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours. No judicial sale fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. All payments shall be made in cash or certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Will County. In the event the property is a condominium, in accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) and (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the unit, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act. Pursuant to Local Court Rule 11.03 (J) if there is a surplus following application of the proceeds of sale, then the plaintiff shall send written notice pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512(d) to all parties to the proceeding advising them of the amount of the surplus and that the surplus will be held until a party obtains a court order for its distribution or, in the absence of an order, until the surplus is forfeited to the State. For Information Please Contact:
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GARAGE SALES

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5 family garage sale - 175 Harbor Landing, Braidwood, Thursday & Friday, Sept., 16-17 from 8am-5pm and Saturday, Sept., 18 from 9am-noon. Books, variety of sizes of clothing, housewares. ca37ab

680 W. 3rd St., Braidwood, Friday, Sept. 17, 8am-3pm. Household goods, coffee table, toys, kitchen items, craft items, sewing machine, landscape equipment, garage items. cc37ab

COAL CITY

713 Trotter Dr., Coal City, Thurs., Sept. 16th, 3pm-6pm, Fri., Sept. 17 8am-4pm. Household items; decor including some Fall/Halloween and Christmas decor; boys clothing, mostly Under Armour size medium to large; boys winter coat; men's clothing XL-XXL; women's clothing small to medium. Lots of miscellaneous. Cleaned out basement and shed. Adding more items daily! cc37ab

DIAMOND

2555 Sterling Ct, Diamond, Thurs.-Sat., Sept 16-18, 8:30am-4:30pm, name brand clothes; boys 8-10, girls 8-12, juniors xs-med, women's XL-XXL, men's LG-XL, wood counter stools, futon, weight bench with weights, lighting, holiday, household, bedding, Halloween costumes and much more. cc37ab

WILMINGTON

2 family garage sale - 23027 W. Kankakee River Dr., Wilmington. Wed., Thur., & Fri., Sept. 15, 16 & 17, 9am-4pm. Books, clothes, wheelchair, antiques, kitchen wares, small appliances, new sheets, new comforters. cc37ab

19581 W. Ballou Rd., Wilmington, Fri., Sept. 17 & Sat., Sept. 18, 10am-3pm. Two bicycles, a portable sewing machine, a portable outdoor fire pit, furniture, decorative items, dog ramp and steps. Much miscellaneous. No baby items or toys. cc37b

6555 N. Will Rd./off of Lorenzo Rd. end of road across from Harborside Marina. Fri., Sept. 17 & Sat., Sept. 18, 9am-4pm; Sun., Sept. 19, 9am-2pm. Too much to list. Sale also Oct. 1, 2, 3 same times.ca 37b

HIRING SOON

Entry-Level Police Officer

Wilmington Police Department, Wilmington, Illinois
The Wilmington, Illinois Board of Police Commission is accepting applications for the position of police officer with the Wilmington Police Department.
Starting Salary: $57k - $61k
Population: 5,735
Sworn Police Officers: 17 (12 Full-Time and 5 Part-Time)
Will add 2 full-time within next 2 years.

The Wilmington Police Department is proud to announce that they are now certified by the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs for the Police Officer on-the-job Training Program. Please visit http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/onthejob_ apprenticeship.asp

All applicants must meet the following minimum requirements established by the City of Wilmington:
- U.S. citizenship;
- No felony convictions;
- Possess a valid state-issued driver's license with good driving record;
- Must be a minimum of 21 years of age and UNDER 35 years of age at the time of application unless otherwise exempt by State Statute 65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-6;
- Possess a high school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent;
- Possess a valid NIPSTA card – **OR** - equivalent criteria as per the State standard, **issued within 12 months of the written exam date (October 2, 2021)**;
  - POWER Test Cards issued by NIPSTA, Triton College or Joliet Junior College will be accepted.
  - Applicants must present the POWER Test card **NO LATER than the written exam date (October 2, 2021).**
- Successfully pass a written examination with a minimum passing score of 70% on each of the (4) sections;
- Successfully complete an oral interview with the Board of Police Commission;
- Successfully complete a background investigation, polygraph, and psychological testing;
- Successfully complete a medical physical, to include drug and alcohol screening;
- Pay a $45.00 non-refundable application processing fee.

To apply for this position or obtain additional information, please visit the following website: http://www.applytoserve.com

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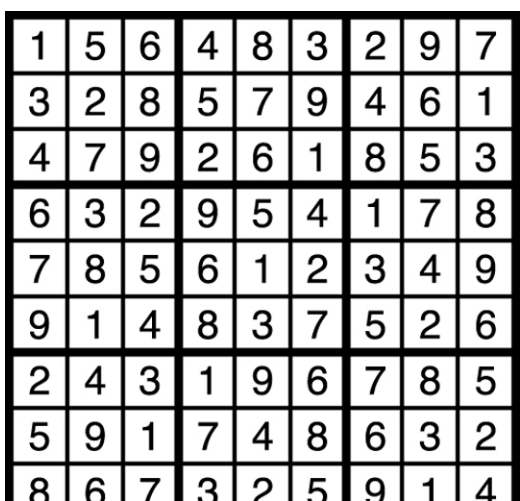

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Attorney General seeks public input on Joliet Police

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul launched an investigation into possible patterns or practices of unconstitutional or unlawful policing by the Joliet Police Department. The civil investigation follows requests made by the Joliet mayor and members of the Joliet City Council.

The Attorney General's office will examine the Joliet Police Department's policies, training, practices and supervision as they relate to traffic and pedestrian stops, searches, arrests, and uses of force.

Career attorneys from Raoul's Civil Rights and Special Litigation bureaus will review of the department's policies, reports, documents and trainings. In addition, the investigative team will conduct interviews and meetings with Joliet law enforcement officers, city government officials, Joliet residents, advocates, and other stakeholders.

"It is clear that a formal investigation is needed to look at whether the department has engaged in patterns or practices of unlawful or unconstitutional policing," Raoul said. "In the coming weeks, the Attorney General's office will conduct a thorough, impartial and independent review of whether reforms are needed under the law."

Attorney General Raoul's investigation follows a request by Joliet Mayor Bob O'Dekirk and members of the Joliet City Council in June 2020 to conduct an investigation. In response to this request, the Attorney General's office requested information from the city of Joliet and the Joliet Police Department.

The Attorney General's office will take specific incidents into account during the investigation; however, the investigation's questions, findings and conclusions will be focused on whether systemic problems exist within the Joliet Police Department. The investigation is civil in nature and will not reconsider criminal charging decisions within the jurisdiction of local prosecutors.

A review of the Joliet Police Department's policies and training will be done. Raoul's office will also inspect department reports resulting from traffic and pedestrian stops, searches and arrests. Of particular interest will be the Joliet Police Department's policies and practices related to the use of force and supervisory and department reviews of these incidents. In addition, Raoul's attorneys and experts will investigate the department's handling of misconduct allegations against officers by reviewing complaints from the public, the department's investigations into those complaints, as well as any resulting corrective or disciplinary action.

Attorney General Raoul's staff will seek input from the public on their interactions with Joliet law enforcement in public and private meetings. Raoul's office will convene a virtual town hall meeting in the coming weeks, and additional information will be released to the public at a later date.

Raoul is encouraging individuals who have information relevant to the investigation to email input.joliet@ilag.gov.joliet@ilag.gov or call the Attorney General's office at 833-243-1498.

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Morris Hospital Auxiliary golf tournament will be virtual

Due to the increased COVID incidence in the community, the Morris Hospital Auxiliary has changed its 26th Annual Golf Tournament that was originally scheduled for Sept. 20 to an all virtual event running from Sept. 20-Oct. 22. Proceeds support Patient Transportation and Lifeline®, two very important Morris Hospital programs that serve a vital role in the community.

The auxiliary has been supporting these programs through its annual golf outing for more than two decades. The Patient Transportation program provides community members free rides to medical appointments, while Lifeline® is an emergency response system that provides instant access to emergency assistance and peace-of-mind for individuals who live alone.

Those participating in the tournament can play golf at a course of their choice from Sept. 20-Oct. 22. Golfers will keep track of their own score and then take a picture with their scorecard and submit it electronically to the Morris Hospital Auxiliary office or in-person to the Morris Country Club Pro Shop if playing at Morris Country Club or The Creek.

The cost to enter the 18-hole virtual tournament is $50 per person and does not include greens fees at the golf course chosen by the participant. While golfers may play at any course of their choosing, as golf course sponsors of the event, Morris Country Club and The Creek in Morris are extending non-members the opportunity to play on either course for a $50 greens fee, which includes a cart. Weekends are excluded at the Morris Country Club. Participants should mention the Morris Hospital Virtual Golf Tournament when scheduling tee times.

The golfer with the best score will receive a $500 cash prize, second place is $250, and third place is $100. Golf results and winners will be posted online on Oct. 25.

Anyone 18 years of age or older can support the event by entering a chance to win a $1,000 cash prize in the Golf Ball Raffle. Chances are $20 for once chance, $50 for three chances, or $100 for seven chances. Outright donations to the Patient Transportation and Lifeline programs are also accepted.

The deadline for submitting scorecards and pictures for the Auxiliary Virtual Golf Tournament is Oct. 22 at 5 p.m. Sponsorships are still available. To register, view sponsorship opportunities, or purchase Golf Ball Raffle chances, go to www.morrishospital.org/golf. For more information, contact the Morris Hospital Auxiliary & Foundation office at 815-705-7002.

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Support for Alzheimer's caregivers

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Fore more information, contact Becky Haldorson at 815-791-2658.

Class of '70 planning Oct. 2 reunion

The Class of 1970 is having its 50th (51) Reunion on WHS Homecoming weekend at the Wilmington Moose Family Center on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 1-4 p.m.

Organizers are still looking for seven classmates: Mark Enz, Judy Favero, Dennis Heatherly, Danny Hogan, Cathy Morrison, Mike Strole and Beth West.

Anyone with any information on them is asked to contact any of the committee members: (all 815) Kathy Bock Hill 739-1634, Sandy Gordon Carley 530-0037, Greg Hansen 931-3783, Patti Proffit Meents 210-1071, Diane Prosser Aros 530-9898, Skip Tarran 245-7443 or Bonnie (Bambic) Tarran 245-7444.

We look forward to seeing all of our friends (even if it is in masks).

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Set up time is 8:30 am, sale is from 10-4. This is a charity flea market and all donations and vendor fees are given to a different charity each month.

Participants will need to read and agree with the rules pertaining to attending the event. The fee per spot is $20.

This is a fun, family oriented, event where many treasures are found. This is a good place to find that special antique, gift, toy, decoration, collectable or tool.

No commercial or home based businesses or mass produced imported items are allowed at this flea market.

For more information contact Ken at willis824@comcast.net or call 815-942-2032, no texts on this number. All participants do so at own risk.

Library to hold Bingo

The Wilmington Public Library District will offer a fun afternoon of Bingo for adults on Wednesday, Sept 15, at 1 p.m.

Adult services has been offering many make and take crafts when in person programming hasn't been possible throughout all of the restrictions, but the staff is looking forward to seeing patrons come out for an afternoon of fun and prizes.

Please register for this program by stopping by the library, 201 S. Kankakee St. or calling the library at (815) 476-2834.

Welter to host coffee with constituents

Local residents with questions, concerns or feedback on state issues are welcome to attend any of three upcoming coffees hosted by State Representative David Allen Welter to be held in Yorkville, Sheridan and Morris.

Representative Welter is hosting coffees to update constituents on recent legislative action taken in Springfield and to give local residents an opportunity to share their priorities and questions directly with him.

The Morris event will be held Tuesday, Sept. 21 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at Weits Cafe, 213 Liberty St.

Constituents who are unable to attend the coffee but still wish to provide feedback to Representative Welter can do so online by visiting repwelter.com and clicking Contact on the homepage. For questions or more information, please call Representative Welter's office at 815-416-1475.

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"Our Resource Room is filled with state of the art computers and copy/fax machines to help connect our residents with local employers," said Michelle Stiff, director of the WCWC. "We also have certified staff on site who can assist our customers update their resume, participate in a mock interview, and learn new computer skills. There are many good job opportunities in our county and we want to help prepare our customers for these jobs."

The center offers On the Job Training at 10 a.m. on Mondays in September to offer job seekers new skills training for a wide range of high demand industries. These sessions are offered virtually or in person. Contact Tiana Griffin for more information or to register at tiana.griffin@eesforjobs.com.

From 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., each Wednesday, job seekers can pick up a "Job Fair in a Bag" filled with job listings with Will County employers and resources for a job search including sample resumes, interviewing tips and more.

For job seekers who want in person training, a variety of services are available in the Resource Room including these special workshops:

Successful Interviewing, 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 16.

Video Conferencing, 2 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 21.

Transferrable Skills, 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 23.

LinkedIn Lab, 10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 29.

All of these workshops are available on the WCWC Facebook Page: WorkforceCenterofWillCounty. The center also offers traditional computer skills training in Microsoft PowerPoint, Word and Excel.

For more information about the services available at the Workforce Center of Will County, visit www.will.works.

COMET SPORTS

Comets out to re-write history and burn boats at Manteno

BY SHAWN LONG
SPORTS WRITER

The Comets are on a record-setting orbit and it doesn't look like they'll be landing anytime soon. They're on pace to match the program's best season in school history but they'll need a victory Friday at Manteno to tie a record and another in week five to beat it.

In 1986, the Comets had four consecutive wins before their first loss which was a 7-6 defeat to Plano and made it to the playoffs under Tom Greene. The team went 9-2 with their first-ever Interstate Eight title, falling 29-20 in the second round to Momence in the Class 2A playoffs.. This year's Comets are off to a good start after routing the Lions 42-14.

The Comets (3-0) had everything working as they totaled 413 yards with 348 rushing and 65 through the air. They will need to keep their foot on the gas in a week 3 match with winless Manteno.

"We're really looking forward to seeing exactly what our offense can do," said RCHS football coach Gavin Johnston. "I think they're all just tapping into their potential. We've got to get everybody going behind that big offensive line."

Manteno is coming off a 35-21 loss to Peotone. They are 0-3 with losses to Evergreen Park (20-0), Plano (28-0) and Peotone.

The Panthers, who are coached by R.J. Haines, were 1-3 in the spring and qualified for the playoffs during the 2019 season. They were a first round exit, getting shutout by Marengo, 48-0. The Comets aren't taking them lightly.

"They don't deserve to be 0-3," said Johnston. "R.J. does a really good job over there and they've been in some big games and they do a lot of things that will keep us on our toes. They're able to spread you out and they'll try to run the ball. They'll have some tests for us defensively. Defensively, they've made a few adjustments and they've gotten better.

They run a spread similar to the offense the Comets run.

"If we get them to the sideline, we've got to keep stringing them out. They've got to continue to run sideways and not north, and south. I think that's where our defense is the best. When they do try to go inside, they're running into Jace Christian, Jacob Pfeiffer and our interior linemen like Kody Marschner are doing a phenomenal job. We've got to continue reading our keys and doing what we do every single time."

Carter Drazy (#18) is their quarterback and had two of the team's three rushing scores in their loss to Peotone on Friday.

John Prindeville is mostly who Drazy throws to. Prindeville (#8) is a quick receiver who can make plays in the open field. If the Comets do what they did to stall out Lisle's Gabe Quinones, they should be able to slow down Prindeville.

"He's a really nice receiver," commented Johnston. "He's going to cause problems for us but lucky for us, our defense has really good team speed as well. Right now, we're flying around making a bunch of plays."

Their running back is Logan Worobey, who is a small running back at 5-7 160 pounds but he packs a punch. Worobey (#13) scored their other touchdown against Peotone.

Manny Carrera (OL/DL) plays defensive line and he (#55) can disrupt plays in the backfield.

The undefeated Comets counter Drazy with McPherson, who has done everything he's been asked and has done it very efficiently. McPherson has completed 23-of-31 passes (74%) for 260 yards with seven touchdowns. He's also rushed for 178 yards. He is very poised and is only getting more composed as the weeks go on.

McPherson has a variety of different weapons to throw to with Eddie Gad, Dylan Garrelts, Connor Esparza and Brandon Moorman. Esparza and Moorman are quicker slot receivers who have seen a couple looks with mostly screen passes, end-arounds or bubble routes. Gad and Garrelts are the bigger receivers that have gotten most of the end zone shots. Gad has had six receptions with a touchdown while Garrelts has five with a touchdown.

The Comets rely on a strong ground attack from their big powerful running backs Elliot Cassem and Jace Christian. Cassem has been a beast in every game he has play in, showing teams what that 6-2 215 pound frame can do. Cassem has 581 yards with eight total touchdowns. He's complemented by another powerful back in Christian, who has not had to run a lot but has four touchdowns with 136 yards in 13 carries. He's also a freak linebacker on defense. The running backs can't do anything without the offensive line that has allowed them to rush for 1,023 yards. The offensive line include: Tyler Hart, Chris Hill, Gunnar Berg, Kody Marschner and Eric Housman.

When it comes down to it, if the Comets can execute their offense, stop Manteno's spread attack and not turn the ball over, they can come out of this matchup victorious for the second time in 2021.

Manteno has homefield advantage but Reed-Custer has the last win in the series between the Panthers, earning a 33-8 win in the spring.

"If we can get an early lead, it's definitely to our advantage. We're on the road as well so we've got to take away their fans. I don't think they're going to be too threatened by us. People are still doubting us but that just feeds into our motivation. We set out to accomplish a goal this season and we're in a good spot. We're going to try 1-0 this week so we can improve to 4-0 and 2-0 in the conference."

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REED-CUSTER'S Jace Christian stiff arms Lisle's Tyrese Watson into the ground during a touchdown run that was called back in their 42-14 win over the Lions.

Photo by Shawn Long

TOUCHDOWN!–Reed-Custer's Eddie Gad (13) leaps in the air to celebrate with teammate Tyler Hart (77) after catching a 10-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter of Friday's game.

Comets avenge loss to Lions with blowout win

BY SHAWN LONG
SPORTS WRITER

The Reed-Custer football Comets is purring along like a oiled machine that shut down Lisle's electric offense on Friday to improve to 3-0 with a 42-14 blowout.

"This is a game we circled," said R-C football coach Gavin Johnston. "This is exactly where we wanted to be at 3-0. This was a big game with the Homecoming but our kids came out ready to play. We were able to handle the attack with them. They have a big offensive line and we were able to play physical with them.

They forced Lisle into a three-and-out to start the game.

"Our defense clamped down this week," added Johnston. "That was a big point of emphasis after giving up 34 and our guys just played solid. It was exactly what we needed to be able to do.

Then, Elliot Cassem got the Comets started as he powered his way down the field, and Jace Christian coasted in on the direct snap from six yards out to make it 7-0 with Brandon Moorman's point after at the 5:13 mark.

"It felt amazing," said R-C offensive linemen Eric Housman. "We just moved them around like they were nothing. You've got to hit them low. They go down faster."

Gavin Bruciak forced a fumble giving the ball back to Cassem, who powered his way in from a yard to put the Comets up 14-0 early on.

Lisle brought themselves within seven with an 11-yard touchdown run from Tyrese Watson.

The Comets got the ball right back on an interception by Josh Bohac. On the ensuing drive, Jake McPherson rifled a 13-yard touchdown pass to Eddie Gad to extend their lead to 20-7 as Moorman's PAT was off the mark. And that's how the two teams went to the half.

Christian rumbled in from nine yards out and Cassem bulldozed his way in from eight yards away to give them a 35-7 lead at the end of three quarters of play.

"After they run for 30 plus yards, it makes us feel like we've done our jobs," added Housman. "We've completed what we're supposed to do."

Lisle scored on a scoop and score to start the fourth quarter to cut into the Comet lead but Christian put the game away for good, scoring his third touchdown of the day on a 15-yard touchdown run. The Comets are missing WR/CB/ATH Lucas Foote, who went down with an injury against Arcola, but did a nice job of filling his spot. Foote thought so too.

"We're flying around and trying to replace Lucas Foote on top of it," added Johnston. "We have all the distractions in losing one of our better players and it was great to see guys step up. We obviously can't replace Lucas with just one guy. I think our team stepped up and played for him. We switched our jerseys out and we Facetimed called him after the game. He was pretty excited about that."

Reed-Custer totaled over 400 yards (413) for the third consecutive game with 348 yards rushing and 65 yards passing.

Cassem led the rushing attack as he ran for nearly eight yards per carry with 149 yards on 20 carries with two touchdowns. McPherson was the second-leading rusher, pulling it 12 times for 105 yards. Christian added 63 yards on 11 attempts with three scores while Brandon Moorman had two end-around plays totaling 30 yards. Connor Esparza also had a yard. "We're playing with an attitude right now. Our whole team is playing physical. We want to matchup with the Coal City's and the Wilmington's." commented Johnston.

McPherson didn't need to throw the ball that much but was once again, efficient, completing 7-of-10 for 65 yards on a touchdown. "We still haven't had to fully utilize him (McPherson) yet but we're fully confident if when we have to use him, we're going to be alright."

Cassem had two catches for 29 yards while Gad had two catches for 15 yards, including a 13-yard TD grab. Dylan Garrelts had a catch for 13 while Esparza caught two for eight yards.

And the defense was downright impressive, forcing Lisle into three turnovers while allowing on 146 total yards to an electric Lions offense. Christian was the tackle leader with 11.5 tackles and one tackle for a loss.Moorman had seven tackles with three TFLs. Zach Cieslak (1 TFL) and Bohac (2 ints) also had three tackles. Gavin Bruciak, Jacob Pfeiffer, Rex Pfeiffer and Cassem also had two tackles. Gunnar Berg and Vander Dransfeldt had 1.5 tackles while Noah Windsor had one and Kody Marschner was also in on a tackle.

"Stepping on the field with my family it just really brings me to fight for them," said R-C WR/DB Brandon Moorman. "And fight for what we're going for the state championship. It's just I'm with my family I love it. We knew we had to come out and execute and we did. We need to keep going.

Johnston was proud of his defensive and his offensive line that really did their jobs to allow backs to gain yards and linebackers to make tackles.

"Eric and Kody did a great job on the defensive line and then offensively, our offensive line did a great job opening holes for our running backs. I'm always excited about our skill guys but really excited about our offensive line. Our kids are not afraid of anything. When the lights are on they play a lot better and in pressure situations they play a lot better. We have so many that want the ball in their hands in those situations. That's the best thing to have as a coach.

Reed-Custer will travel to Manteno to play the winless Panthers on Friday.

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COMET CRUNCH–Reed-Custer's Josh Bohac (24), Vander Dransfeldt and Jace Christian stop Lisle's Tyrese Watson from gaining ground during Friday's home victory..

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COMET SPORTS

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NOW WE'RE ROLLING–The Reed-Custer volleyball players celebrate a point during their match against Peotone. The Comet huddle includes: (from left) Alysha Fisher (6), Mackenzie Keller (9, hand up), Laci Newborough (13, facing camera), Caelan Cole (12, facing camera), Olivia Smith (8) and Lillian Schott (19).

Photo by Shawn Long

KEEPING THE PLAY alive is Reed-Custer's Halie LaGrange who prevented the ball from going out of bounds.

Lady Comets earn first two wins in Sandwich Tourney

BY SHAWN LONG
SPORTS WRITER

The Reed-Custer volleyball team picked up their first two wins of the season during the Sandwich Tournament on Saturday.

They started the tournament with losses to Streator (23-25, 16-25), Aurora Central Catholic (25-21, 16-25, 8-25) and Sandwich (12-25, 13-25) but didn't give up.

The Lady Comets beat Plano in three, 25-9, 21-25, 17-15 and followed that with a two game 25-19, 25-18 win over Streator to finish the tournament.

"The girls played amazing and worked hard until the very end." said RCHS coach Jen Patton.

Olivia Smith did very well at setter, putting up 27 assists with 11 aces and 32 digs.

Alysha Fisher hammered 17 kills to lead the team with two assisted blocks and a solo block. Mackenzie Keller fired down 11 kills of her won while digging out 36 with 10 aces and four assisted blocks.

Shelby O'Reilly served up eight aces and dug out 30 while Laci Newborough added seven kills, five solo blocks and seven block assists.

The Comets have a challenge with Lisle today (Wednesday). They'll travel to Seneca on Monday.

Reed-Custer 21, 14
Peotone 25, 25

The Reed-Custer volleyball team played a hard but the Blue Devils were too scrapy.

It's been a tough season for the Lady Comets, who have started the year 0-7 but it didn't look like they were a winless team in the first set as they brought it right down to the wire.

"They were really excited for the Homecoming game," said Patton. "There were fans here and they were just ready to go. They made less mistakes that first game and they looked really good. They looked like the team I see in practice.

The Comets were leading 14-9 at a point in the first match, missed a serve and that's when momentum started to shift. Peotone commandeered the lead and eventually took the match by four points.

The second match was all about mistakes leading to more mistakes as the Comets could never really seem to get back into the match.

"They really couldn't get back up from losing that first game," added Patton. "Like I told them, 'Your mentality goes down, your physical skill goes down and it's hard to get back up from that."

The Lady Comets served the ball really well, especially during that first set as senior O'Reilly led them with four aces. Senior Alysha Fisher was right behind her, adding three of her own. She also hammered a kill and dug out five with an assisted block.

Keller played well from her outside hitter spot, putting the block up with two solo and one assisted block while also adding a kill.

Smith did a great job setting things up with four setting assists. She also had an assisted block.

The Lady Comets hit the court last night (Tuesday) against Wilmington and will play Lisle today (Wednesday. Theyll head to Streator on Thursday before returning home to play Seneca on Monday. Patten wants her girls to continue working on defense and serve receive in practice.

"We serve receive in practice really well so we need to keep working on that. It's not the most fun thing to do but you have to do it."

Photo by Shawn Long

THE TIP BACK–Reed-Custer's Alysha Fisher catches the Peotone defense by surprise and taps the ball over for a kill during Thursday's match.

Photo by Shawn Long

TOP SCORE–Reed-Custer's Aiden Lantka hits a putt during Thursday's match. Lantka shot well at High Point Golf Course, scoring a team-low, 47.

Comets earn seventh at American Proud Invite

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The Reed-Custer golf team earned seventh in the American Proud Invitational at the Creek in Morris on Saturday with 419 points. Seneca was the top team with 338 team points.

Eli Shaefer led the Comets with a score of 100.

The Comets will be back on the course today (Wednesday) traveling to Streator. They'll host Lisle on Thursday before competing in the Grant Park Invite on Friday.They will compete in the Illinois Central Eight tournament on Monday.

Reed-Custer 201
Coal City 177

The Comets fell to Coal City on Thursday.

Aiden Lantka shot a 47 to lead them while Shaefer followed with a 48.

Comets defense impressive during loss to Blue Devils

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The Reed-Custer soccer team fell in a close 2-1 match with Peotone on Wednesday.

The Blue Devils took a 1-0 lead into the half after scoring just one on the Comet defense, who kept them from getting past midfield all half.

The Comets 1-6 (0-3) tied the score 1-1 as Braeden Hirsch hook up with Danny Kuban and Kuban fired one in.

Peotone added one more before time expired but was only able to get two on Sam Dennis in goal, who was phenomenal, collecting 16 saves.

The Comets will travel to Wilmington on Thursday for their annual Survivors Cup that will be also be their Stand up to Cancer game.

They will travel to St. Anne on Saturday before hitting the road for Joliet Catholic Academy on Monday.

Lady Panthers pound Lisle, scratch G-SW

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The Reed-Custer Middle School eighth grade softball team shutout Lisle 10-0 on Saturday.

Amber Syc tripled and drove in three runs to lead them. They wanted no part of Mackenzie Foote, who homered and drew three intentional walks.

Grace Barbush also drove in a run with a hit while Kamryn Wilkey was 3-for-4. Reese Brown, Kirsten Klein and Gracie Robinson also had a hit.

Sophie Moyers did her part on the bump to secure the shutout, giving up just one hit while fanning 13 and walking five.

RCMS 9, G-SW 5

The Panthers picked up a win over Gardner-South Wilmington on Wednesday.

Foote and Syc both homered and doubled. Foote drove in two while Syc and Taylor Bova also drove in a run.

Brown was 3-for-4 while Barbush had two hits. Moyers and Wilkey also had a hit.

Klein started the game, giving up three earned runs on three hits while fanning four and walking three. Moyers finished the final three innings while fanning three and walking three.